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Discrimination based on genes

COVERAGE For the first time, a Canadian study has shown widespread discrimination based solely on perceived genetic risks — a fear that has grown in tandem with the expanding ability to scour our DNA for inherited diseases.

The study, which appears today in the prestigious British Medical Journal, points to the need for Canada to enact laws protecting people's right to access affordable insurance despite their genetic susceptibilities to different diseases, its lead author says.

In particular, the University of British Columbia study shows insurance companies routinely discriminate against people with a family history of Huntington's disease — a brain-wasting ailment passed on through a single genetic mutation. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Stanley Cup **Penguins stay alive**

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Pittsburgh Penguins' Tyler Kennedy celebrates after scoring the winning goal against the Detroit Red Wings during third period of Game 6 Stanley Cup Final hockey action in Pittsburgh last night. Puck drops on Game 7 in Detroit Friday. See story, page 15

Miller gambles with feds

Has Mayor David Miller gambled away the city's best hope for new streetcar funding?

Or will painting the federal government into a political corner pay off for the 260,000 commuters who ride the TTC streetcars?

Federal Transportation Minister John Baird's expletive-stained rejection this week of Toronto's single application for a share of $4 billion in stimulus funding has political observers wondering if the TTC's deal with Bombardier is effectively dead even in light of Baird's apologies yesterday.

Miller's strategy of "essentially trying to hold the funders over a barrel," doesn't appear to be working, said Jim Mars, who teaches transportation and urban planning at Ryerson University.

Miller says the streetcar contract will create jobs at Bombardier's Thunder Bay plant. But Ottawa has consistently insisted the application doesn't qualify.

But U of T political scientist Nelson Wiseman says Baird's coarse language Monday could suggest Miller has the government on the ropes. It "tells me John Baird is in some pain," he said.

Wiseman thinks Toronto will get a share of the stimulus money, but not necessarily for streetcars.

"I'm sure (the Conservatives) want to put some money into Toronto — not because they like Toronto, they don't. But you can't have the optics of the largest city in the country not getting any of this," he said.

Another City Hall insider suggested the feds could give Toronto less than it's asking for, and still secure some credit for the streetcars while putting pressure on the city to come up with the rest.

Yesterday, Premier Dalton McGuinty called them "an urgent priority" and pledged support for Toronto's quest for federal funding. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Wash that mouth

- In Ottawa, opposition MPs jumped on the profanity, calling it proof of the Conservatives' dismissive attitude to the country's largest city. "A vulgar attack on the people of Toronto is unacceptable, in public or in private," said Liberal MP Rob Oliphant (Don Valley West).

Research suggests Nazi's reach four times larger

"When this project began ... it was estimated the Nazis established about 5,000 sites. But ... nobody had added up the numbers, which we know now to be at least 20,000."
Geoffrey Megargee, project director

The Nazi system of camps and ghettos was a dark universe more than four times more extensive and complex than previously thought, according to new research coming to light under the guidance of Washington's Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies.

More than 20,000 individual sites were established under Adolph Hitler in the 12 years between the Nazi rise to power and the end of the Second World War, ranging from the notorious extermination camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau and Treblinka to a little-known network of more than 500 brothels in which European women were enslaved for the pleasure of Wehrmacht stormtroopers, the research shows.

The numbers emerged as researchers collated data for the first volume of what will eventually be a seven-set Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos: 1933-1945, a reference work designed to draw together in English the multilingual efforts of hundreds of scholars from Europe, Israel and the U.S.

"When this project began more than 10 years ago, it was estimated the Nazis established about 5,000 sites. But a lot of people had been working in their own little corners and nobody had added up the numbers, which we know now to be at least 20,000," said project director Geoffrey Megargee.

"The size, scope and sheer variety of experiences that was possible came as a surprise."

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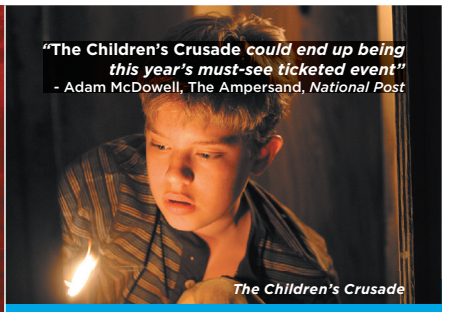

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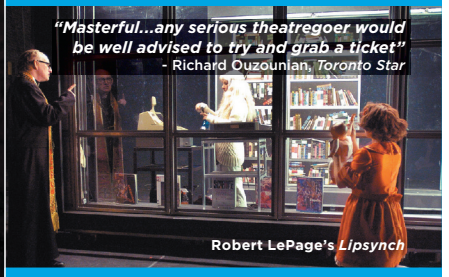

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Mississauga schools on alert as children approached by suspicious man
Six Mississauga schools were placed into a "hold and secure" state after a number of grade-school aged children were approached by a suspicious man yesterday morning. Police have not released a suspect description. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Fantino stays on as top cop

Julian Fantino, left, has been re-appointed as Ontario's top cop through July 2010 so he can oversee the high-profile G8 Summit in Huntsville, Ont., the provincial government said yesterday. Fantino will stay on as the commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police for about a month after the summit, which is scheduled for June 25-27, 2010, said Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Rick Bartolucci in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Decision on Catholic trustees tonight

Supervisor will look at motion to force unauthorized benefits being repaid

All trustees in Ontario should be penalized if they vote themselves unauthorized benefits — not just those at the Toronto Catholic board, says Trustee Rob Davis.

"The problem with trustee expenses around benefits is not exclusive to Toronto," said Davis. "It could happen at any of the other 71 boards.

"Why restrict or create a penalty for one board?"

At a meeting tonight, the provincial supervisor overseeing the Toronto Catholic District School Board is to decide on a motion that would force trustees to reimburse any unauthorized benefits or see their pay frozen.

Province

- The province said yesterday such a rule has not been considered for the entire province.

In 2007, trustees approved medical and dental benefits for themselves, similar to those provided to board employees, despite being told by board lawyers such a move violated the Education Act. The benefits were stripped at the end of June 2008 after the board sent in supervisor Norbert Hartmann.

Davis joined the Toronto Catholic board shortly before Hartmann took over. He and Trustee John Del Grande were the only two not to sign up for the benefits.

Del Grande says such a rule should apply to staff as well, and that it should also make it clear that litigation could be used to force a trustee to pay back the board.

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Grey days cover Toronto summer

WEATHER Environment Canada reported cooler than seasonal temperatures in Toronto the last two weeks and less than average sunshine.

"It's not that it's been so cold, it's just that it hasn't been hot," said senior climatologist David Phillips.

No frosts have come along to kill plants but the sunshine rate stands at 80 per cent of the average for this time of year, he said.

Cooler than normal temperatures will likely delay the main strawberry harvest by up to five days, farmers said yesterday.

For people who pick their own, the weekend of June 20-21 marks the start of prime harvesting season

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Correction

The University of Toronto's Summer Writing School runs from July 6-10 at U of T's St. George Campus in downtown Toronto. For more information about the course, email scs.writing@utoronto.ca. Incorrect information appeared in yesterday's Metro.

LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Parkdale Collegiate Grade 10 student Brandon Sun buys a pop from the school cafeteria. The Toronto District School Board is trying to control what type of pop sweetener is sold inside the school.

Moving to aspartame-only vending machines?

SCHOOLS Don't like diet pop? Too bad.

High school students with a sweet tooth will be out of luck if Toronto school trustees adopt a proposal tonight for aspartame-only soft drinks to be sold in high school vending machines as early as this fall.

The switch to aspartame is being introduced by Refreshments Canada, an industry-sponsored organization that includes both Pepsi Co. and Coca-Cola, companies that are in the bidding for vending machine contracts with the schools.

And that is precisely the problem, say members of a Toronto District School Board committee who will discuss whether to allow only aspartame-sweetened soft drinks in vending machines, or get rid of vending machines altogether.

The move to stock all vending machines in Toronto high schools with low-calorie alternatives is the last phase of the multi-stage Guidelines for School Partnership, a voluntary guideline created by Refreshments Canada to provide schools with healthier beverage options.

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Council faces new billboard traffic jam

GARDINER Councillors have ignored Toronto's sign bylaws and safety warnings to approve four billboards bordering the Gardiner Expressway.

The decision at Etobicoke York Community Council yesterday comes just months ahead of the introduction of tougher rules governing billboards.

Requests

- Nine other requests to place signs in locations where they are prohibited were made yesterday.

And waiting in the wings are requests for five more signs along the Gardiner that were deferred because local Coun. Peter Milczyn was attending a transit conference in Vienna.

A harmonized sign bylaw, expected to be introduced in September has billboard companies scrambling to get new signs approved.

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Snake sale brings fine

A Toronto man has been fined $4,000 for selling an Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake to a U.S. resident. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

$100-million payday

Money Mart settles lawsuit over 'criminal' rates

A $100-million settlement has been proposed in a class-action lawsuit launched by Money Mart customers in Ontario.

The lawsuit was launched in 2003 on behalf of 264,000 borrowers who alleged Money Mart charged "criminal" interest rates on 4.5 million payday loans over 10 years.

On average, the lawsuit claimed each borrower paid about $850 in costs associated with the payday loan.

In a statement, Money Mart's lawyers say the company will pay $27.5 million in cash, forgive a minimum of $43 million in debts incurred on or before April 30, 2009, and $30 million in what's described as transferable transaction credits.

The deal has been agreed to by both sides and hinges on approval from the courts.

In March, Ontario established a maximum rate of $21 in fees per $100 borrowed.

But lawyers for the borrowers in the lawsuit argued that's irrelevant since all the transactions in the case took place before the law was changed and the legislation is not retroactive. The suit named National Money Mart Company, based in Victoria, franchisees and U.S. parent company, Dollar Financial Group, Inc.

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Regulations

- The federal government made legal amendments in 2007 allowing provinces and territories to regulate the payday loan industry and place limits on the cost of borrowing.

Activists **Daycare restrictions**

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Billie Madden, nine months, holds a sign yesterday as mother Bree Seeley looks on at the Stroller March in Support of Neighbourhood Daycare. Daycare activists were protesting a proposed harmonized zoning bylaw, which will place new restrictions on daycares in residential areas.

Found Goodwill paintings fetch $150,000 at auction

DEL CAMPO The two paintings were extraordinary — Helen Zhuang knew the minute she laid her eyes on them.

"I thought it was really fine art," said Zhuang, manager of the Goodwill store on Dundas Street West, who came upon them while pricing things left overnight in the donation bin last fall. They were luminous, on canvas and were framed.

Yesterday, the paintings by Federico Del Campo, a celebrated 19th-century painter of European scenes, were sold for more than $150,000 in total.

The oil paintings are both signed and dated 1895.

They were both bought by an anonymous European buyer after brisk international bidding. They sold for $80,700 and $78,400, respectively, at Waddington's auction house.

She referred them to a supervisor and the two paintings were taken to an auction house for assessment.

Goodwill said the money raised would go toward creating jobs in the community. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mistrial declared as background check on jury discovered

COURT A judge has declared a mistrial in a murder case because the Crown asked police to do secret background checks on jurors — a development that has some lawyers predicting a flood of defence challenges.

The controversy over the secret screening of potential jurors began in Barrie this week.

In Barrie, a judge declared a mistrial because of the practice and two jury panels were dismissed last week. The panels, totalling 240 people, were sent home before selection started after the defence argued the Crown had "tainted" them by enlisting police to conduct a wide-ranging vetting of their backgrounds.

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First Nations across Ontario welcome new chief

Patrick Madahbee has been chosen by representatives from 42 Ontario First Nations to become the new provincial chief of the Union of Ontario Indians. He was welcomed into the new position yesterday in a ceremony at the Aamjiwnaang First Nation near Sarnia, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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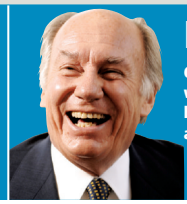

Honorary citizenship

Canada will grant the Aga Khan, left, honorary citizenship for what Prime Minister Stephen Harper describes as his exemplary humanitarianism and long friendship with Canada. Shah Kari al-Hussayni is the 49th Aga Khan, or imam to Shia Ismaili Muslims, and is widely recognized for his work against poverty and his promotion of tolerance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier defends eHealth chair

No reason to question doctor despite investigations: McGuinty

Premier Dalton McGuinty is standing behind the man who approved the controversial $114,000 bonus cheque to ousted eHealth chief executive Sarah Kramer.

Despite two ongoing investigations into financial controls at the provincial agency working on electronic health records for patients, McGuinty said there is no reason to question the actions of eHealth board chairman Dr. Alan Hudson.

"I decided that I have every reason to continue to have confidence in Dr. Hudson and I think the results he's achieved for Ontarians speak to that," McGuinty said at a digital media conference.

"I have every reason to continue to have confidence in Dr. (Alan) Hudson and I think the results he's achieved for Ontarians speak to that."
Premier Dalton McGuinty

He cited Hudson's work in reducing wait times for key medical treatments in a previous role for the government.

"He's acting in a volunteer capacity at eHealth. You couldn't get a better, more committed and more accomplished individual at any pay level."

McGuinty denied that his friendship with Hudson was influencing his judgment.

With investigations underway by PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Ontario Auditor General Jim McCarter, it is time to wait for more facts to emerge before taking further action into what critics call outrageous expense claims by highly paid consultants and other financial concerns based on "allegations and innuendo," McGuinty added. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

N.W.T. Park expansion

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Peter Marcellais, a former chief of Nahanni National Park Reserve in the Northwest Territories, looks on during an announcement at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa yesterday. The federal government yesterday unveiled laws to increase the park's size to more than 30,000 square kilometres.

News in brief

RAITT Prime Minister Stephen Harper stood unapologetic yesterday, defended his embattled natural resources minister and dismissed the storm of opposition and public criticism of Lisa Raitt as "cheap politics." The opposition attacked the Conservatives in the Commons with demands for Raitt's resignation over her description in a taped private conversation of the shortage of isotopes used in cancer tests as a "sexy" issue from which she could benefit politically. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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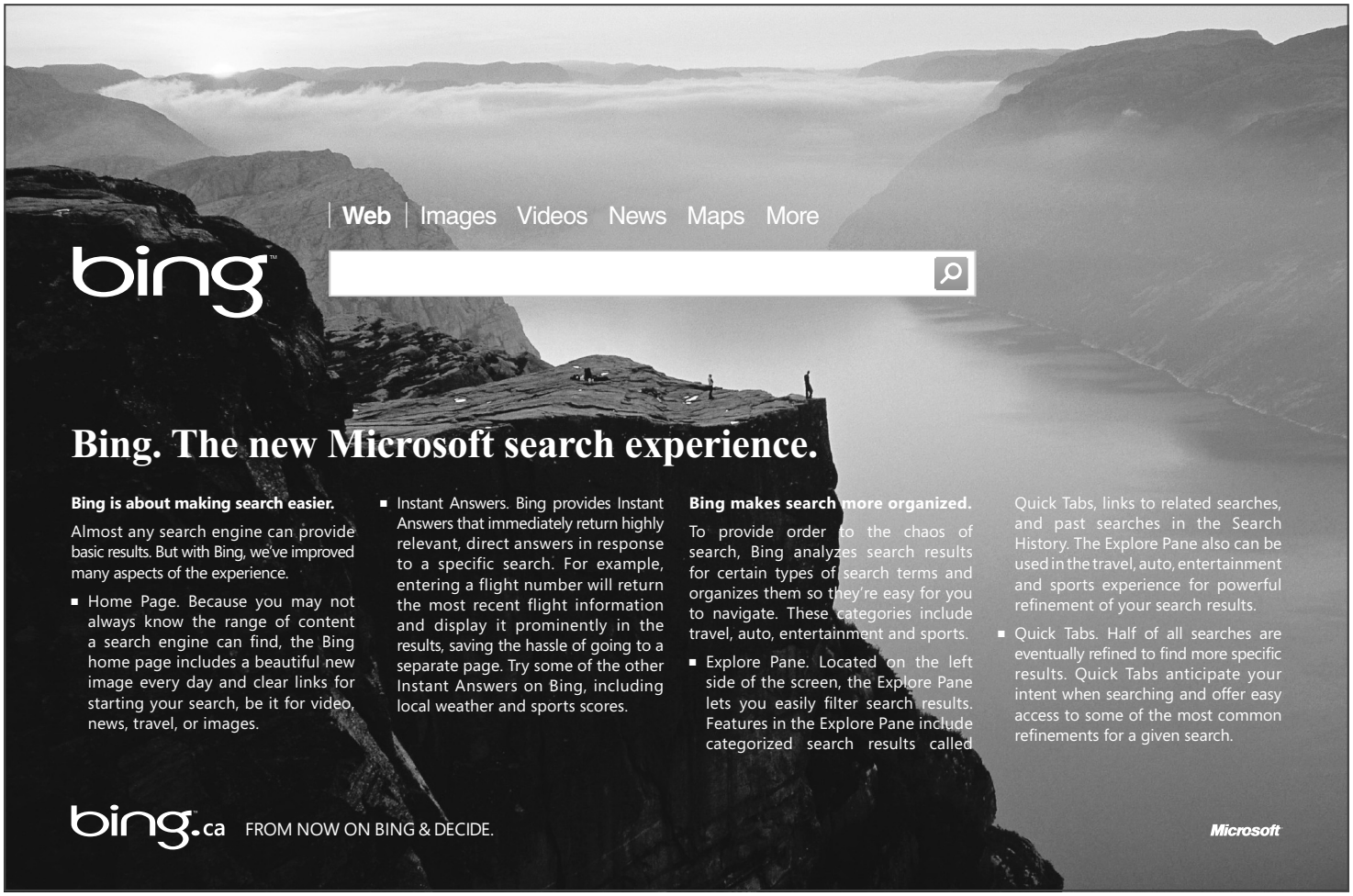

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Military drug tests show abuse hot spots

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Isotope backup plan not foolproof

HEALTH A backup plan to help hospitals cope with a looming shortage of medical isotopes caused by the lengthy shutdown of an aging reactor might not be foolproof. Hospitals across the country have been using a medical isotope called Thallium 201 in order to conserve dwindling supplies of the isotope produced by the leaky reactor at Chalk River that is expected to remain out of service for at least three months. Dr. Christopher O'Brien, head of the Ontario Association of Nuclear Medicine, said he began to worry about the reliability of that alternative after one provider, GE Healthcare, warned of a potential disruption in supply.

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Emergency landing in Halifax

PLANE An American Airlines flight with 210 people on board made an emergency landing in Halifax last night following an apparent electrical fire in a cabin washroom.

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Remains turn out to be of three infants

A woman described as a recluse was back in custody and facing additional charges yesterday after police discovered that infant remains found in a London home were in fact the badly decomposed bodies of three babies who may have died years ago.

The grisly find left police with a slew of questions ahead of an autopsy to be performed tomorrow. What is clear is the bodies are severely decomposed, so much so that police initially thought they were dealing with the remains of only one child, said London police Det.-Supt. Ken Heslop.

"The bodies have been decomposing, it could be over a number of years," Heslop said.

Jennifer Sinn, 32, who police said was a former resident of the home, was charged Sunday with one count of concealing the body of a child and one count of offering an indignity to a dead human body after police were called by an occupant of the home.

Neighbours said the woman's partner is the one who discovered the remains and made the call.

She had been released on a promise to appear in court but was taken back into custody Monday and charged with two additional counts of each offence yesterday after it was discovered three infants were involved.

Karen Elliot, who lives next door to the duplex where police continued to gather evidence, said Sinn moved into the home about six months ago and was a recluse whose parents delivered food to her door.

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Neighbour Karen Elliott sits next door to the house in London yesterday where the remains of three infants were found.

Canadian ports rebuke U.S. subsidy allegations

TRADE Canada's port operators are scratching their heads at allegations coming from south of the border that they are receiving government subsidies that may contravene international trade rules, calling the complaints another U.S. protectionism measure.

Gary Leroux, executive director of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities, in turn accused the U.S. ports of being awash in government money.

"It just boggles the mind that that kind of assertion can be made, under the WTO especially," Leroux said. "It's hogwash. Canadian ports are cash cows and the U.S. ports are recipients." Leroux was commenting on allegations that surfaced this week from U.S. ports that Pacific ports in Vancouver and Prince Rupert are taking business away from American competitors thanks to allegedly illegal government subsidies, which are against World Trade Organization rules. Leroux believes the allegations are another type of protectionism, and wondered why the issue is being raised, given the size of the American ports compared to their Canadian neighbours.

"It's hogwash. Canadian ports are cash cows and the U.S. ports are the recipients."
Gary Leroux, Association of Canadian Port Authorities

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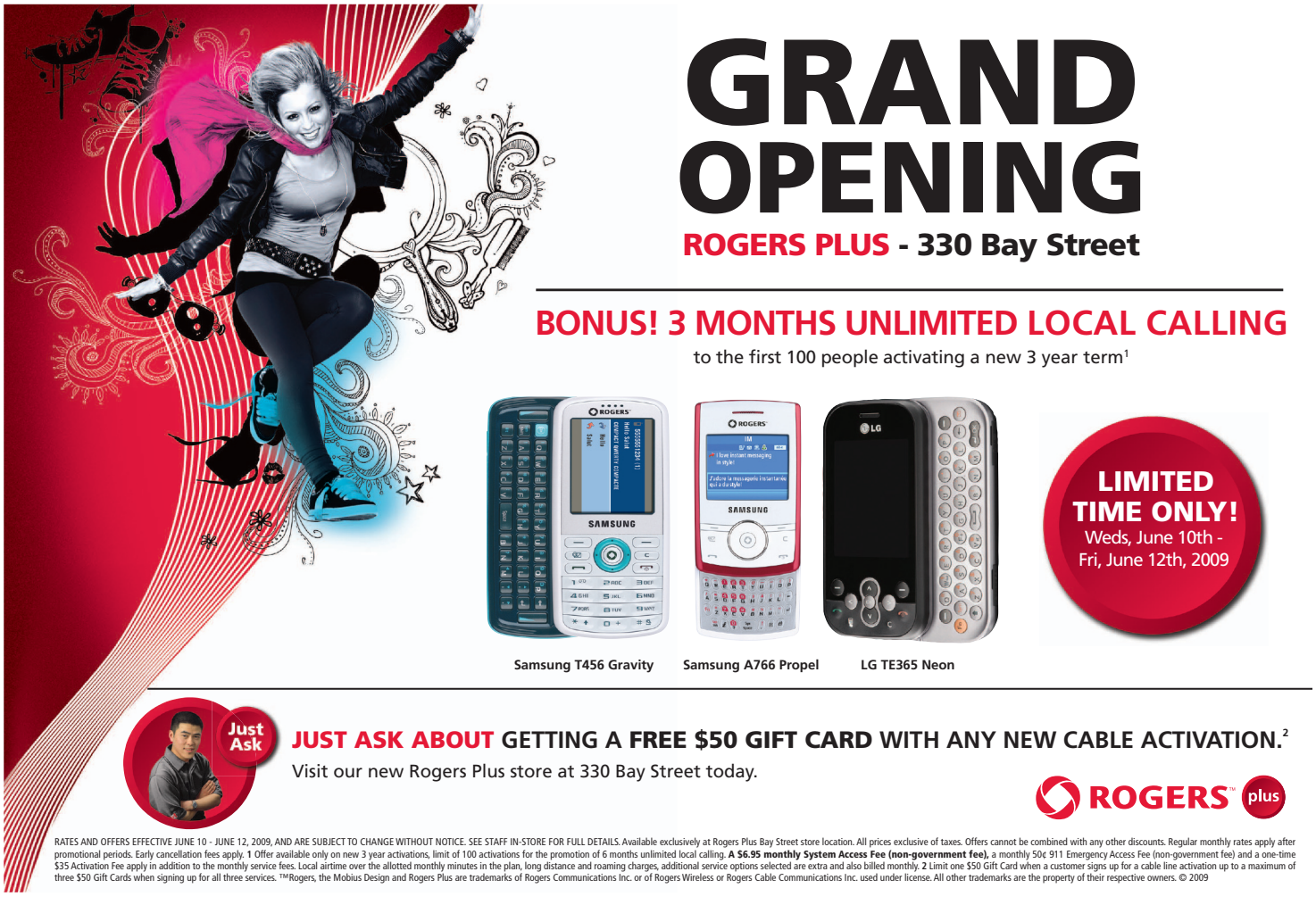
News in brief

TRADE Former U.S. trade czar Robert Zoellick said yesterday that it would be dangerous for Canada to retaliate for "Buy American" provisions. Over the weekend, a group representing Canadian municipalities advocated the barring of contracts to firms that discriminate against Canadian firms. "The danger in this environment is you start to get tit-for-tat ... and it serves nobody's interests," Zoellick said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Quebec political activist dies

Sheila Finestone, a former MP, senator and activist, has died at the age of 82. Finestone held the Mount Royal riding in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Right coast, left turn

Nova Scotians elect first NDP government

Voters in Nova Scotia made history yesterday, electing the first NDP government east of Ontario as they delivered a decisive majority win to a party that offered a modest platform and a commitment to balance the province's books.

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter, a former journalist and lawyer, calmly and effectively persuaded voters to ignore dire warnings from the ruling Conservatives, who demonized the Opposition party as a shifty band of irresponsible, free-spending radicals.

Darrell Dexter

The NDP's win ends 10 years of Tory rule and, most likely, the short political career of Rodney MacDonald.

As the results rolled in, the Liberals and Tories were locked in a riding-by-riding battle for the title of official Opposition.

In a province where residents have been known to take a while to embrace newcomers, Dexter worked hard to make himself a familiar face across Nova Scotia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

MOUNTIES One of four RCMP officers involved in the Tasering of Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport in 2007 could face impaired and dangerous driving charges from an October collision that killed a 21-year-old Tsawwassen man. Orion Hutchinson was riding his motorcycle westbound on Sixth Avenue in Tsawwassen, B.C. on Oct. 25 when he collided with a jeep driven by Benjamin 'Monty' Robinson, an off-duty RCMP corporal. Hutchinson was thrown from the motorcycle and died at the scene.

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Soldier's death not in vain

MILITARY The family of the most recent Canadian soldier to lose his life in Afghanistan says his death was not in vain.

"It's obviously with deep sadness that we greeted the news (Monday) of our son Alexandre's death," said a statement issued through the Canadian Forces yesterday by the family of Pte. Alexandre (Pelo) Peloquin, 20.

"He was passionate about life and his life in the military. We find a certain comfort knowing he did not die in vain because he was doing what he loved.

Pte. Alexandre Peloquin

Peloquin died when a makeshift bomb exploded in the village of Nakhoney, about 15 kilometres southwest of Kandahar city.

He was the 119th Canadian soldier to die as part of the UN-sanctioned international effort to bring peace and stability to Afghanistan.

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Shaking the shackles from The Man

TheWestView

In my ceaseless quest to contribute to Metro's SunnySide initiative (a quest hampered only by my disposition, which is on the cloudy side), I would like to remind you that we celebrated Tax Freedom Day June 6, three days earlier than last year!

How's that for good news?

Tax Freedom Day is a benchmark that had its origins in the U.S., while the Fraser Institute runs the Canadian franchise. The idea is to calculate the first day of the year you're working for yourself, not the government. Between Jan. 1 and June 6, everything you earn goes to the government. After June 6, your own personal posse of bill collectors is free to go after the rest.

It's a little breathtaking to find out that nearly half a year of getting up in the dark, choking down breakfast and battling traffic on the way to a hard day at the ant hill is dedicated to the tax man.

Don't get me wrong. I love paying taxes! The government deploys my meagre stipend with such wisdom! The CRA rocks!

But I'm sure The Man won't mind too much if we celebrate an extra three days of tax freedom. It is, after all, a brief anomaly. You can bet that Jimmy Flaherty's $50-billion-and-counting deficit will take care of that, and next year's Tax Freedom Day will correspond with the first frost on the pumpkin.

Sunny Side

If there is any residual resentment that the government owns you like the wage slave you are until well into June, you should be grateful you don't live in one of those tax-and-spend Scandinavian countries like Sweden, which doesn't loosen its iron grip on your wallet until summer is half over on July 29.

Of course, we could resent Australia, which starts to enjoy tax freedom on April 22, as if all that sunshine and sand wasn't enough. And Americans start being tax free on April 13, but what do you expect from a country that has "Liberty" in its mission statement?

Here in Canada, we're all about good government, and we make sure the good old government has enough cash on hand to fund important initiatives such as $20 million per year for the office of the Queen's Official Seal Taster (a.k.a. the Governor General) or $10.6 billion (yup, that's billion) so GM can keep making stupid cars (as opposed to Smart Cars) in Ontario.

Come to think of it, the government needs it more than I do: Monsieur Blackburn, go ahead and take the rest. I'll just spend it on food and shelter anyway.

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Word on the street: Should the NHL season be officially over by the end of May?

Ricky Smith
age 45, Toronto
A: I think all the sticks should be broken up and off the ice.

Judi Young
age n/a, Halifax
A: Absolutely, it should be over by the end of May. We should be ... more involved in outdoor activities instead of sitting in front of the TV.

Louis Seta
age 56, Toronto
A: No, I don't think you can have a designated end of season ... Toronto's season is over in April, isn't it?

Kerri Guther
age 40, Ottawa
A: I think it should be officially over in May. It's a winter sport, and it starts to bump into all the other sports.

John Darling
age 73, Toronto
A: Probably, yes ... It's supposed to be a winter sport.

Rocky Sinclair
age 49, Edmonton
A: No. Because the playoffs aren't over. It's over when it's over. When you're a hockey fan you watch it as long as you can.

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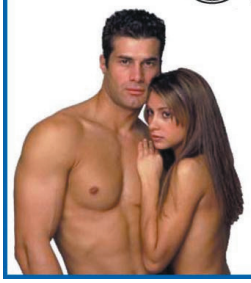

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British police officer under investigation for assault
Britain's police watchdog is investigating a fifth allegation that an officer assaulted a woman during protests at the Group of 20 summit in London. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Suicide bombers strike luxury hotel

11 killed, 70 wounded in Pakistan attack

Suicide attackers shot their way past guards and set off a massive blast yesterday outside a luxury hotel where foreigners and well-to-do Pakistanis mixed, killing at least 11 people and wounding 70, officials said.

The bombers struck the Pearl Continental Hotel at about 10 p.m., when nightlife was still in swing. The attack reduced a section of the hotel to concrete rubble and twisted steel and left a huge crater in a parking lot.

The blast came a week after Taliban leaders warned they would carry out major attacks in large cities in retaliation for an army offensive to reclaim the nearby Swat Valley region from the militants.

Witnesses said three men in a pickup truck approached the hotel's main gate, opened fire at security guards, drove inside and detonated the bomb close to the building, a police official said.

Senior police officer Shafqatullah Malik estimated the truck contained more than half a ton of explosives.

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U.S. consulate?

- The U.S. State Department had been negotiating with the Pearl Continental Hotel's owners to purchase or sign a long-term lease to the facility to house a new American consulate in Peshawar, two senior U.S. officials said

Iran **Gearing up for election**

BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A supporter of main challenger and reformist candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi, not wanting to be photographed, hides her face yesterday using a poster of him at an election rally in Tehran, Iran. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is fighting a tough battle for re-election in Friday's vote.

News in brief

HPV VIRUS Since January, all girls in Denmark have been offered free vaccinations against the virus that causes cervical cancer. Now doctors feel the same vaccination should be offered to boys — because a number of cancers can be caused by the same HPV virus.

POWER Gabon's government held an emergency meeting yesterday, setting the stage for the country's chief lawmaker to take power following the cardiac arrest death in Spain of Omar Bongo, 73 — the world's longest-ruling president — a day earlier.

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First Guantanamo detainee appears in New York court

TRIALS Under heavy guard, a Guantanamo Bay detainee walked into a civilian U.S. courtroom for the first time yesterday, underscoring the Obama administration's determination to close the Cuban prison and hold trials in the U.S.

Ahmed Ghailani, a Tanzanian accused in two American Embassy bombings a decade ago, pleaded not guilty — in English.

House Republican leader John Boehner labelled yesterday's move "the first step in the Democrats' plan to import terrorists into America."

Ghailani

Ghailani is being held in a federal lockup in lower Manhattan that currently holds financial swindler Bernard Madoff, and once held mob scion John (Junior) Gotti.

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Pentagon chiefs weigh in on Afghan war

The Pentagon's top leaders, Defence Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs Chairman Mike Mullen, told a U.S. Senate Appropriations panel yesterday that the next year to 18 months will tell whether the war in Afghanistan is being won, but they're more optimistic now. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Far-right leader pelted with eggs

CHASED British far-right leader Nick Griffin was forced to abandon a press conference in front of London's Houses of Parliament yesterday when demonstrators pelted him with eggs and hit him with a placard.

Griffin's British National Party, which does not accept non-white members, won EU two seats. Anti-racism group Unite Against Fascism took responsibility for the protest.

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Leader of the far-right British National Party Nick Griffin, right, runs for his car yesterday after protesters threw eggs at him.

War over, powers stay

Sri Lanka says it needs state of emergency

Sri Lanka's Parliament voted yesterday to extend the state of emergency for another month as the government tries to root out any Tamil Tiger rebels remaining after the end of the country's civil war.

The state of emergency gives the military and police wide-ranging powers to arrest terrorist suspects and detain them indefinitely. It has been in place for most of the past 30 years while the government fought Tamil separatists in a bloody civil war that ended last month.

Human Rights Minister Mahinda Samarasinghe said yesterday authorities were able to send 2,120 civilians displaced by the war back to their towns.

Meanwhile, authorities were still investigating the merchant ship Captain Ali, which was sailing under a Syrian flag last week when it entered Sri Lankan waters without permission and was intercepted by the navy.

The ship was carrying food and medicine collected by ethnic Tamil expatriates in Europe.

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WHO 'very close' to hiking alert to pandemic stage

Flu Outbreak

SPREAD The World Health Organization is very close to declaring the first influenza pandemic since 1968, the agency's senior influenza expert suggested.

Dr. Keiji Fukuda all but acknowledged that an influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, pandemic is underway, saying the WHO is aware there is "a great deal" of community spread of the virus in at least one part of Australia — a fact that, under the WHO's definition, should trigger a pandemic call.

He also said the WHO is concerned about reports of severe illness among First Nations people in Manitoba, noting that in previous pandemics such populations have been hit hard.

There are 26,563 confirmed cases in 73 countries and 140 deaths.

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Two-brand approach

Globalive chief says customers want choice

Globalive Wireless is still months away from launching mobile voice and data services in Canada but the newcomer is already beginning to resemble the incumbent operators.

Anthony Lacavera, the CEO of Globalive, said yesterday the wireless start-up would pursue a two-brand strategy when it launches later this year, with one of the brands taking the same name as the company's Yak long distance service.

$442M The amount Globalive spent, backed by Egypt's Orascom Telecom, on wireless airwaves during the federal government's spectrum auction last year.

He said in addition to focusing on cheap, pre-paid cell plans, Globalive wants to offer pricier wireless devices such as Research In Motion's BlackBerry line and Apple Inc.'s iPhone.

Globalive is also looking at offering bundled wireless, Internet and home phone service, he said.

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Stop press **Vets eye new paper**

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Veteran publishers Gary Stern, left, and his brother, Mark, stand near old newspapers in Southfield, Mich., yesterday after announcing their plan to launch a newspaper in Detroit within 60 days to fill a void left when the city's two major dailies reduced home delivery this year. The Detroit Daily Press is expected to sell for 50 cents daily and $1 on Sundays.

Air Canada reaches deal with unions

PENSIONS Air Canada's shares got a lift yesterday after the financially strapped airline reached tentative deals providing a 21-month moratorium on pension contributions with three of five unions.

The Montreal-based airline's shares gained nearly 13.5 per cent, gaining 19 cents to $1.60 on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The agreement achieved with machinists, service agents, dispatchers and retirees would save the airline millions of dollars in annual pension contributions for past service.

In exchange, workers will obtain an equity stake in the airline to mitigate the risk of them agreeing to defer pension contributions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business in brief

STOCKS Trading of Nuvo Research was heavy for the second straight day yesterday, hitting a two-year high after the company said some of the discussions related to licensing its arthritis ointment have "progressed meaningfully over the last several weeks." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sutter quits Devils
Brent Sutter has resigned as the coach of the New Jersey Devils after just two seasons. Sutter cited family reasons in making the decision yesterday, saying the Devils' first-round playoff loss to the Carolina Hurricanes was not a factor in his decision. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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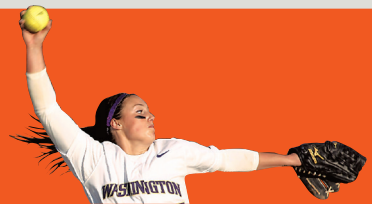

Canadian best in the U.S.

Danielle Lawrie, left, of Langley, B.C., was awarded the Honda Award as the top college softball player in the U.S. after winning the NCAA championship with Washington. Lawrie led the nation with 42 wins, while striking out 521. She's also nominated for the Honda-Broderick Cup, awarded to the college female athlete of the year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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NBA Finals **Gasol grabs rim**

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L.A. Lakers' Pau Gasol dunks against the Orlando Magic in the first quarter of last night's Game 3 of the NBA finals. For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.

Penguins force Game 7

(Series tied 3-3)

Detroit 1 Pittsburgh 2

The Stanley Cup was in the building, but the Pittsburgh Penguins made sure it was put back in its case.

It won't be handed out until Friday night at Joe Louis Arena, when the Penguins and Detroit Red Wings will play a Game 7 to determine this season's NHL champion.

Energy line players Jordan Staal and Tyler Kennedy each had a goal while Marc-Andre Fleury made 26 saves in a bounce-back performance last night as the Penguins staved off elimination with a tight 2-1 victory over the Red Wings.

Kris Draper replied for the Red Wings.

It was the exact same situation the teams found themselves in last June, but these Penguins are just a little older and wiser. They survived a white-knuckle third period that saw Detroit pushing hard for the equalizer.

Fleury refused to surrender that goal just three nights after being pulled midway through a 5-0 loss in Game 5. He was key in helping his team kill off two penalties in the final 20 minutes, sending the series back to Motown for an exciting finale.

Commissioner Gary Bettman had flown across the continent from a court hearing in Phoenix just in case the trophy needed to be handed to Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom after Game 6. The trophy was even taken out of its case and shined up, but the Cup keepers had to pack it up for a return trip to Michigan.

The Red Wings were expecting a desperate hockey team and that's exactly what they got in the first period. Pittsburgh carried the play in the opening 20 minutes, outshooting the Wings 12-3, but failing to get one past Chris Osgood.

Sidney Crosby had the puck roll off his stick early while Bill Guerin failed to take a shot after cutting into the middle and finding himself with a scoring chance.

Even though Fleury wasn't seeing much rubber at the other end, he had to be sharp. He got a blocker on an excellent opportunity from Henrik Zetterberg and later squeezed his pads closed with the Red Wings superstar on the doorstep once again.

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Pittsburgh's Jordan Staal celebrates his second-period goal with his Penguins teammates as Detroit goalie Chris Osgood looks on during Game 6 of the Stanley Cup final. Pittsburgh won 2-1.

TFC releases Canadian 'keeper

SOCCER Toronto FC made a major shakeup yesterday, releasing Canadian goalkeeper Greg Sutton after acquiring defender Nick Garcia and the rights to Canadian forward Ali Gerba from San Jose.

Toronto snagged Garcia and the discovery rights to Gerba from the Earthquakes in exchange for its third-round pick in the 2010 MLS SuperDraft. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Sutton, a Montreal native, had been with Toronto FC since its inception. The 32-year-old lost his starting job at the start of the season to rookie Stefan Frei, taken with the 13th pick in this year's draft.

Sutton, who has played with the Canadian national team, recorded a loss and a tie with Toronto FC this season, but has made just one start.

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Raptors get bigger with Kapono trade

BASKETBALL The Toronto Raptors added some grit up front yesterday, acquiring power forward Reggie Evans from the Philadelphia 76ers in a trade for sharpshooter Jason Kapono.

The six-foot-eight Evans is known as a big rebounder and a physical player, adding toughness the Raptors have been lacking.

"We're changing the dynamic of our club with this move," Raptors president and GM Bryan Colangelo said. "This obviously addresses a few areas of need."

The seven-year NBA veteran averaged 4.6 boards in 14 minutes a game with Philadelphia last season. He averaged a career-best 9.3 per game in 2004-05 with Seattle.

"We're changing the dynamic of our club with this move."
Bryan Colangelo, Raptors GM

The Raptors signed Kapono, a two-time winner of the all-star three-point shootout, as a free agent in the 2007-08 off-season, but he never lived up to expectations in Toronto. Kapono averaged 8.2 points a night and shot 43 per cent from three-point range this past season and came off the bench in all but 12 games.

"(The Sixers) probably had too many bigs and we probably had too many finesse players," Colangelo said.

The deal also gives the Raptors some financial breathing room.

Evans is owed $4.6 million US next season, while Kapono's deal will see him earn $6.2 million this coming season.

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Sports in brief

BLUE JAYS Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Jesse Litsch will undergo season-ending ligament replacement surgery Friday. Manager Cito Gaston made the announcement yesterday before the Jays played the Texas Rangers. The 24-year-old was originally placed on the 15-day disabled list April 14 after an MRI revealed a strained right forearm.

OLYMPICS A change in the number of quota spots awarded to each country means Canada will be allowed to send less skiers to the 2010 Winter Olympics than in past Games, Alpine Canada officials said yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Clue to Favre's decision?

In the latest hunt for information confirming that Brett Favre is ready come out of retirement and play for the Minnesota Vikings, his family and friends have booked 25 to 30 hotel rooms near Lambeau Field for the weekend of the Nov. 1 Vikings game at Green Bay, according to the Green Bay Press-Gazette. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Heatley wants out of Ottawa: Report

NHL One of the Senators' big guns is looking for a way out of town.

Yesterday, Ottawa Senators forward Dany Heatley asked to be traded away from Ottawa, according to several media outlets.

Heatley is less than two years into a $45-million US, six-year contract.

Next season, Heatley is expected to make $7.5 million against a team's salary cap, which means teams would have to juggle their roster to accommodate him.

Compared to previous years, Heatley is coming off a disappointing season, scoring 39 goals and adding 33 assists in 82 games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports in brief

YANKEE STADIUM The barrage of home runs at new Yankee Stadium is being caused by shorter dimensions, not weather, according to AccuWeather.com. The meteorology company said yesterday that 20 of the 105 home runs hit at the $1.5-billion US ballpark would not have gone out of the old Yankee Stadium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL to be paid if the Coyotes move: Judge

Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie could be facing a $100-million US fee for the right to move the Phoenix Coyotes to Hamilton.

Balsillie's lawyer Susan Freeman says that's how much she expects an NHL-imposed relocation fee to be, though the amount was blacked out in court documents.

Bankruptcy judge Redfield T. Baum agrees the NHL is entitled to a fee and says that figure is crucial to his decision on the fate of the insolvent Coyotes.

His statement, coming during a combative and entertaining court hearing yesterday in Phoenix, ran counter to arguments made by lawyers for Balsillie that no fee is owed.

Balsillie, the co-CEO of BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion, has bid $212.5 million US for the insolvent Coyotes on the condition he move the team to Hamilton — something the league is against.

The relocation fee would take away money available to pay off creditors and Baum said if that left them worse off, he would reject Balsillie's bid.

"The judge has a lot of facts and legal issues before him and we believe the judge was extremely well informed and my hope is he comes to the right conclusion."
NHL commissioner Gary Bettman

The issue, he said, was determining that amount and he chastised both sides for leaving the matter unresolved.

NHL lawyers told the court the league would need time to study what an appropriate relocation fee would be.

"You may be forced to do that on a very expedited basis," Baum said.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman dodged questions about the issue as he hopped into a waiting limo headed to the airport. Bettman was due to be in Pittsburgh for Game 6 of the Stanley Cup final last night.

"We're not going to get into the specifics, it's obviously before the courts," said Bettman. "The judge has a lot of facts and legal issues before him and we believe the judge was extremely well informed and my hope is he comes to the right conclusion."

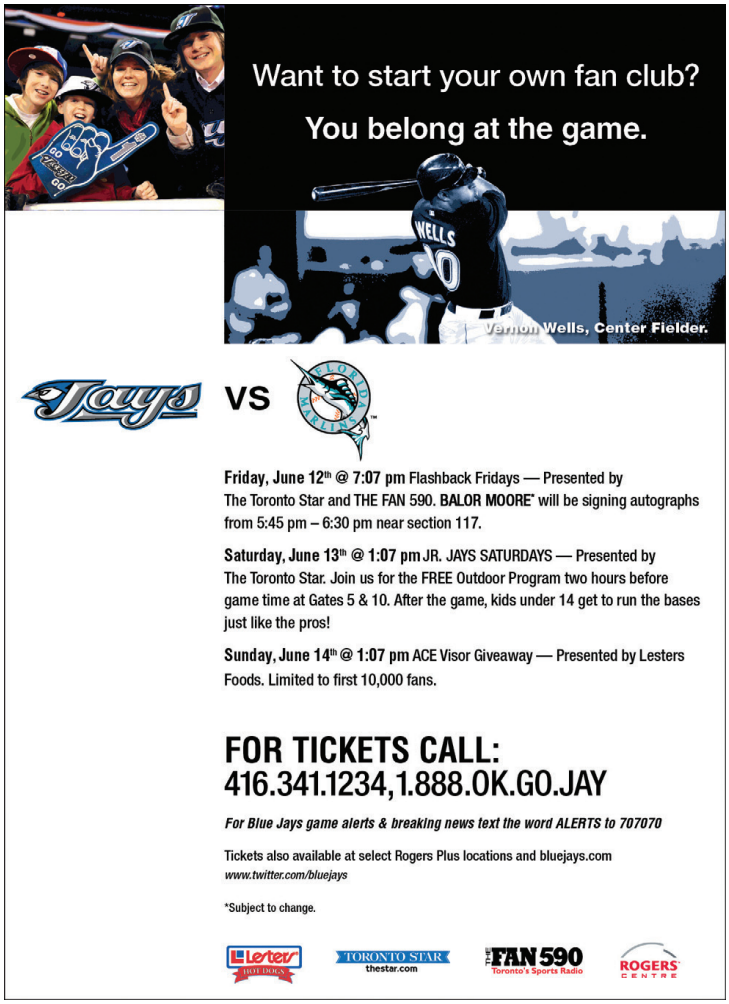
Baum seemed to be weighing the idea of solving the relocation fee issue through mediation, but was concerned there's not enough time to get it done.

Baum said identifying the fee would perhaps cause Balsillie to either accept it or prompt him to walk away, allowing for a solution without having to solve the more complex issues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blue Jays Tallet's got talent

TONY GUTIERREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto Blue Jays Brian Tallet delivers a pitch to a Texas Rangers batter in the first inning of last night's game. Tallet entered the night with a 3-3 record, an ERA of 4.54 and a WHIP of 1.262. For a complete game recap, visit metronews.ca/sports.



Draft lottery changed NHL's game

TheHockeyNews

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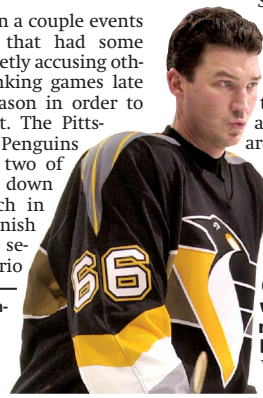
As we move into the time of year when the Stanley Cup playoffs reach its resolution and the NHL draft approaches, it's interesting to reflect on an era when the game was less controlled.

It wasn't until 1995 that the NHL decided to implement a draft lottery system. Before then, the team finishing in last place automatically got first pick in the draft.

But then a couple events occurred that had some teams quietly accusing others of tanking games late in the season in order to finish last. The Pittsburgh Penguins won just two of 14 games down the stretch in 1984 to finish last and select Mario Lemieux first overall. In 1993, the Ottawa Senators were accused of purposely finishing last in order to select Alexandre Daigle first overall.

Whether it was pre-meditated or not, the league brought in the draft lottery in 1995 and that gave the last-place team the best chance to secure first pick. But that was still less than a 50-50 chance.

It's a terrific system. In its 15 years of use, there has been nary a mention of struggling teams going into the tank. Finishing last doesn't guarantee a thing. In fact, just seven times in 14 drafts (the 2005 lockout draft was a different entity) has the team finishing last gotten the right to pick first.



Did the Penguins tank in order to get Mario Lemieux?

So let's imagine the Daigle incident didn't happen and the lottery system was never adopted. Here are some things that would look differently in the NHL:

- **Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin would be teammates in Pittsburgh.** The Washington Capitals won the 2004 draft lottery and moved from third pick to first. Had that not happened, the Penguins surely would have taken Ovechkin first, Chicago would have taken Evgeni Malkin second and the Capitals would have had to settle for Cam Barker third. Would the Hawks be in the Cup final now with Malkin in the lineup? Would the Capitals have even made the playoffs with Barker and no Ovechkin?

Because of the lockout in 2004-05, the Penguins won a special weighted lottery in 2005 and got the right to select Crosby. Ovechkin and Crosby would have been rookie teammates for the Pens in 2005-06.

- **Patrick Kane would be a Philadelphia Flyer and not a Blackhawk.** Chicago won the 2007 lottery and moved from fifth pick to first. Had that not happened, the Flyers would have wound up with Kane rather than James van Riemsdyk. Picking fifth, the Hawks would have had their choice of Sam Gagner, Jakub Voracek or Zach Hamill. They're no Kane, but then again the Hawks have Malkin, right?

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Workology

Western donations top $57M

Despite the economic downturn, the University of Western Ontario received nearly $57.5 million in donations during the 2008-09 fiscal year, just short of its $60-million goal. Notable gifts include $4 million from UWO alumnus Joseph Rotman, whose donation to the university's philosophy department established the Joseph L. Rotman Institute of Science and Values. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

Dr. Kashif Pirzada practises medicine in the emergency room of the Brampton Civic Hospital, one of the busiest ERs in Ontario.

Split-second miracle

Head to **Toe**

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Bringing people back from the brink of death is no small feat but for Dr. Kashif Pirzada, it's all in a day's work.

Pirzada, 30, is an ER doctor at Brampton Civic Hospital, one of Ontario's busiest emergency rooms. In a setting where most patients arrive having the worst day of their lives, Pirzada does everything in his power to make sure they can leave the ER ready for plenty of better days.

As a child, Pirzada watched doctors with a sense of awe, deciding that he too wanted to help save lives one day.

"I got interested in medicine because of some of the doctors I saw when I was a kid. I thought they were miracle-workers and I wanted to be a miracle-worker," Pirzada said.

Pirzada started at Brampton Civic after finishing his long seven-year journey to become a doctor, first with his medical degree at the University of Toronto and followed by a residency at McGill University in Montreal. In just two years as an ER doctor, Pirzada, like many doctors, has already performed his share of miracles.

In one emergency case that has become typical in his work, Pirzada helped resuscitate a clinically dead patient and saw him months later for a minor quibble.

"I told him, 'Good evening Mr. S. When we last met, you were dead. What's this about a toe infection today?' I live for those moments," Pirzada said.

When a split second separates life and death, Pirzada says training takes over to make sure every second counts because the responsibility is enormous.

"All of your training and all of your skills, in an instant, can mean the difference between life and death for somebody. The flipside is you have an enormous burden never to miss anything," Pirzada said.

Though the stress and emotional toll of the job can be desensitizing for some people, Pirzada says it's important never to let yourself become jaded or lose your sense of caring. It's impossible not to be emotionally affected on some level, he says.

"It's really important that your never lose your empathy — when you lose that you can't do your job properly anymore," he said.

Being able to help patients regain their health and their lives is what motivates Pirzada to keep doing his best.

"When you see the positive results of your work – that there are people living longer and better lives because of you, that's very satisfying," Pirzada said.

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Workology in **brief**

ENDOWMENT FUNDS While the endowment funds at many Canadian universities and colleges have devalued over the past year as a result of the market turmoil, Centennial College's endowment fund has done the complete opposite, according to Academica Group. Last year, Centennial's fund actually grew by 42 per cent, from $2.3 million to $7.8 million. Although the college is relatively new to fundraising, it now ranks fourth in fundraising activity among Ontario colleges.

EXPULSION LAWS Under a new law, all school boards must offer alternative programs for students who have been expelled or suspended long-term from their school. As a result, The Toronto District School board has started a program for expelled students where they must prove themselves in order to be allowed back into school. Last year, nearly 13,000 students were suspended and a further 202 expelled from Toronto District School Board schools. HEATHER BUCHAN/ FOR METRO CANADA

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York University reports that its endowment fund dropped 18 per cent in value in the last fiscal year. Despite the substantial decline, York's conservative investment strategy has left the university in a stronger financial position than other institutions. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Premature conclusions cost case

WorkplaceLaw

I love the stories unearthed from the workplace trenches. Those that I report are chosen based on a combination of their merit, law, skill — and oftentimes error. This is the tale of one employer who learned that insincerity and bad intentions will often sway judicial favour in a lawsuit.

With her manager's consent secured, Jennifer Koos left the Surrey, B.C. office of A & A Contract Customs Brokers to run a short personal errand, thinking she would be right back. However, when Koos returned 30 minutes later, she was called on the carpet and accused by her manager of being a "liar" for saying she would only be gone for a few minutes.

Upset that her manager had chastised her in front of her co-workers, Koos reported the incident to a supervisor, Jane Arnett, who quickly convened a meeting between Koos and her boss. With matters unresolved after the meeting, Arnett suggested that Koos could leave for the rest of the day. Koos then went to the hospital, where she had her doctor fax a note to her employer stating that she would need two weeks off from work due to anxiety.

Over the next week, Arnett twice left messages on Koos's phone asking for a reply. When Koos did not, Arnett swiftly wrote her a letter stating that A & A assumed that she had abandoned her position, having failed to respond to Arnett's entreaties.

Koos quickly wrote back emphasizing that she had not terminated her employment. She was away due to sickness, as the doctor's note surely should have explained. But A & A was not prepared to accept Koos's "explanation." Taking exception to A & A's brusque position, Koos took the company to court.

"Employers use an employee's departure as an opportunity to relieve themselves of that worker's services."

Justice Eric Rice of the B.C. Supreme Court recently rejected A & A's argument that Koos had abandoned her job and instead ruled that she had been wrongfully dismissed. Koos never stated that she was quitting, and Arnett never asked. It was the employer's responsibility to clarify the facts with its employee, before simply treating her as having resigned, wrote Justice Rice who added that Arnett's desire "to be rid" of Koos's services coloured her view of the facts and caused her to act prematurely. Koos was awarded 10 months' pay and her legal costs.

A & A was simply too quick to pull the trigger in processing what it viewed was Koos's resignation. As is often the case, employers use an employee's departure as an opportunity to relieve themselves of that worker's services. But not so fast: Where an employee expresses or implies a desire to return to work, she won't be viewed as having resigned. In order to avoid such costly mistakes, consider the following:

- Job abandonment doesn't occur overnight. The employee must be put on notice that a failure to return to work by a specific date will be treated as a resignation.
- A resignation must be clear and unequivocal. Anything less than an employee's objective statements or actions showing an obvious desire to leave and not return will be construed against the employer.

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When Jennifer Koos was wrongfully dismissed by A & A Contract Customs Brokers, she was awarded 10 months' pay and her legal cost.

Employees' fun in the summer sun

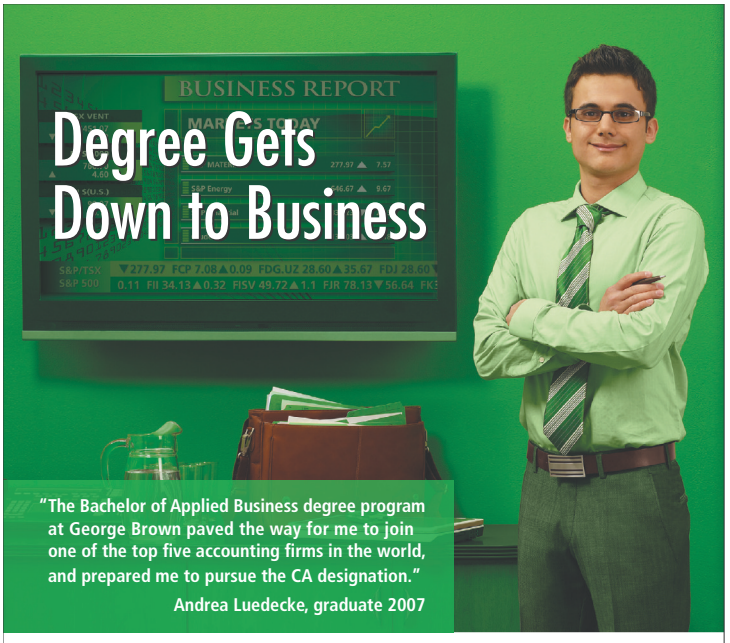
BENEFITS All work and no play makes for a dull summer, a new survey suggests. Flexible schedules (38 per cent) and leaving work early on Fridays (32 per cent) are the most coveted summer benefits, according to workers polled.

The survey was developed by OfficeTeam and is based on interviews with 457 workers 18 years of age or older and employed in an office environment.

Workers were asked, "Which of the following summer benefits would you most like to have?"

"Employees appreciate flexibility in their jobs because it gives them greater control and enables them to handle other commitments without sacrificing their work performance," said Robert Hosking, executive director of OfficeTeam.

Flexible scheduling is an inexpensive way to keep employees motivated. To ensure customer service doesn't suffer, Hosking suggested that businesses stagger workers' schedules to maximize the total number of hours employees are available to assist customers. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Giving back always good for business

Sunny Side

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

"In the current economic crisis, being a responsible business is more important than ever. You can not equate that with numbers and figures."
Sriram Iyer, president and CEO of ICICI Bank

It's expected that, during an economic downturn, businesses must cut back to survive. From slashing salaries to laying off employees, it seems the latest recession has seen companies pulling no punches when it comes to curbing the outflow of cash. But should businesses hold the same defensive disposition when it comes to investing in the community?

Sriram Iyer says no. He's the president and CEO of ICICI Bank Canada, a subsidiary of one of India's largest private sector banks. "In the current economic crisis, being a responsible business is more important than ever," he says. "You can not equate that with numbers and figures."

Before the recession, Iyer says ICICI dedicated one per cent of its annual profits to charities and has continued that commitment, despite the global financial slump that's persisted since late 2008. And even if giving back to the community may seem like a blow after a business sheds staff, Iyer says such conflicts shouldn't debase consistency, when it comes to a company's place in society.

"The long-term success of our bank is tied, in part, to the health and well-being of our society," he says. "We have to value the community beneath us and the community has to believe in our bank … They're going to go to those organizations that have been consistent and stuck with it."

Sustained public confidence may not come at that great a cost, either. An inquiry published February in online current affairs magazine Slate, called Everyone Gets A Gold Star!, explored how corporate social responsibility (CSR) has affected businesses' bottom lines during this recession.

The study first determined the 100 most and 100 least socially responsible companies, based on five criteria. Then, it compared the samples to see how low, on average, company stocks had plummeted from February 2008 to February 2009.

The difference? Basically nothing.

But even if such a study still leaves companies wary of doling out extra funds, Iyer suggests businesses look beyond their ledger.

"Companies may not be able to give the cash donations they were giving before, but they can do something in kind. It doesn't have to be money. I've seen companies do that," he says. "For example, they encourage their employees to go and work in soup kitchens. Those are the kind of things that come from the leadership of the company."

Makes no difference ... so give back

• Stocks of both the 100 most and 100 least socially responsible companies on the corporate social responsibility totem pole fell by about 37 per cent, reflecting no added negative implications to businesses that give back, according to an inquiry published February in online current affairs magazine Slate.

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Mazda value

Canadian Black Book (CBB) recently presented Mazda Canada with a Best Retained Value award for the Mazda3, auto123.com reports. The award is based on data gathered from four-year-old vehicles, in this case 2005 models. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Touareg turns greener

Volkswagen mates SUV power with diesel efficiency

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

With the advent of new technologies to handle emissions, diesels are set to make inroads in Canada, offering impressive fuel economy and long range. Volkswagen's newest entry is the 2009 Touareg TDI, which uses VW's Clean Diesel technology to meet strict emissions standards.

It uses a 3.0-litre V6 turbodiesel, one of two Touareg engines for 2009, alongside a 3.6-litre V6 gasoline engine. The diesel engine is $4,000 extra, and prices for the TDI range over three trim lines, from $48,975 to $62,675. All models are all-wheel-drive.

The diesel gives the expected low-end power, making 225 horsepower and an impressive 406 lb-ft of torque. It doesn't feel quick, but it certainly feels powerful, with good, solid, steady strength available at just about any notch on the throttle. The six-speed automatic transmission is well-mated to the engine and shifts smoothly; the whole driveline is extremely impressive. The engine is naturally noisier than a gasoline version when you're standing alongside it, although it's certainly not clattery. But inside, it's hard to tell that you're driving a diesel; the cabin is extremely well-insulated and very quiet.

It's also extremely roomy, with very comfortable and supportive seats; I could see riding across Canada in it without feeling the effects on my spine.

On the highway, the Touareg has a well-planted stance, with no suspension noise over bumps. But I don't like the steering feel, which is far too light; it doesn't feel like I'm "talking to the wheels." There needs to be more weight to give the driver confidence.

Diesels are noted for fuel economy, and the Touareg is rated at 11.9/8.0 L/100 km for city and highway (the gas-powered version gets 14.8/10.3). The price of diesel fuel has also come down recently, but even so, the Touareg TDI's $4,000 premium is hard to make back.

I don't think Volkswagen is counting on Touareg to be a volume seller, and for some loyal diesel buyers, the extra money that scares off other shoppers is just the cost of membership. There will be an initial 200 diesel Touaregs available when sales launch in June.

Volkswagen's newest entry is the 2009 Touareg TDI, which uses VW's Clean Diesel technology to meet strict emissions standards, and also features an extremely roomy interior.

2009 VW Touareg TDI

Type: Diesel SUV
Price: from $48,975
Engine: 3L V6 turbodiesel
HP: 225
Torque: 406 lb-ft

Highlights

- Roomy, comfortable interior
- Smooth drive
- Great fuel economy

The 2009 Subaru Forester keeps piling up the awards.

Forester best family car: Mag

AWARD The 2009 Subaru Forester was recently named to the Best Family Cars for 2009 list by Parents Magazine and Edmunds.com in the U.S.

The award is the culmination of six months of test-driving and analyzing dozens of vehicles, plus feedback from parents who own and drive the vehicles on a daily basis.

As part of a rigorous evaluation, each vehicle was judged on safety, performance, interior, exterior qualities and family-friendly features.

This latest recognition by Parents Magazine and Edmunds.com joins a growing list of accolades for the Subaru Forester, which was also named a Best Bet for SUVs and Crossovers by Cars.com.

Other awards received by the 2009 Subaru Forester include: Motor Trend's 2009 Sport/Utility of the Year; a "good" rating (the highest available rating, indicating a vehicle's roof is more than twice as strong as minimum federal safety standards require) in the new IIHS roof strength test and the MotorWeek Driver's Choice Award for Best Small Utility.

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Customized cars wearing coloured wheel rims that match the car's exterior paint job is the latest trend in aftermarket auto accessorizing, columnist Michael Goetz says.

Getting your car runway ready

Before we launch into this discussion on fashion accessories for your car, please keep in mind that when it comes to accessorizing "less is always more."

So if you're throwing on, say a medallion around your neck, go for the tasteful, tiny one that matches your earrings, not the big one that looks like a hubcap from a 1959 Buick.

OK, now on to our list of fashionable auto accessories...

One of the newest and coolest is LED lighting. LED bulbs are popping up everywhere — from flashlights to Christmas lights — and for good reason; they're vibrant, small, require very little energy, create very little unwanted heat, can be mounted almost anywhere, and never burn out.

Taillights and signal lights are moving to LED technology, for the reasons above, and because they allow for more design creativity — check out the really cool rear-light assemblies of any new Cadillac or BMW.

Lonnie Leigh of Performance Improvements, told me that aftermarket LED taillight assemblies are now available for a wide range of popular models, ranging in price from $300 to $600, and is a really neat way of "modernizing" your older ride.

Another LED application is interior lighting — for lighting up the cabin, for accents, for rekindling the spirit of the lava lamp. This type of lighting first showed up on the aftermarket, and is now popping up with regularity in new vehicles.

You can even get ones with selectable colours. This is possible through fibre optics; LED bulbs light up the fibre optic tube, but shine through a rotating selection of coloured filters.

The runways of Paris might be where we see new fashion ideas spring forth, but Las Vegas is the place where the aftermarket industry showcases its newest wares, at an annual extravaganza organized by SEMA (Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association).

Last year, we saw a lot of customized cars wearing coloured wheel rims that matched the car's exterior paint job. Might be an expensive option for most, but just thought I'd pass it along, in case you got several thousands of dollars burning a hole in your pocket and you've already painted the dog.

"Las Vegas is the place where the aftermarket industry showcases its newest wares."

Of course, there is the honoured tradition of adding bits to your car, so that it echoes the purposefulness of a high-tech race car, be it spoilers, fender flares, or flames painted on the rear quarter panels.

We'll end this discussion with what might be the perfect fashion accessory for any car — fragrance. Kumho ESCTA DX tires don't smell like "black rubber." Thanks to heat-resistant oils, they smell like lavender, orange, or jasmine. (I'm not making this up. I wish I was making this up.)

Of course the other option is one of those pine tree shaped air fresheners.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Nominations on for truck hero awards

RECOGNITION Each day, heroic acts randomly performed by truck drivers go unnoticed. Bridgestone Canada Inc. (BSCA), the company that began formally recognizing highway heroes in 1956, is now accepting nominations from the trucking community and public for its prestigious Bridgestone Canadian Truck Hero Award.

The recipient of the national award will receive a cheque for $3,000, specially commissioned trophy and two-day, all expense-paid trip for two to the award ceremony in November held in Toronto. BSCA will also make a $3,000 donation to the recipient's charity of choice.

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Deck the haul

Many ways to customize your CUV

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

Your crossover utility vehicle is built to give you and your family hours of enjoyment and entertainment on the open road. With the ability to tackle a variety of conditions and terrain with style and comfort, it's a vehicle that intends to provide flexible operation-— no matter the task you throw its way.

Some folks leave their crossover the way it was built — but for many, the factory is just the start. More owners than ever are into crossover customization — effectively fine-tuning their rides to fit a precise need or lifestyle.

Sound interesting? Be sure to check out the selection of accessories and add-ons available to help customize your crossover.

If you're into outdoor sports, consider a roof-rack or cargo carrier to help haul around any sporting gear your adventures may require. You may even find a ski or snowboard attachment for the roof-rack, allowing more cumbersome items to be left outside the vehicle. A bike-rack may be available to carry your two-wheeled transportation on the vehicle's exterior, too.

COURTESY GENERAL MOTORS

A rear-seat DVD entertainment console is a great way to keep the kids occupied during a road trip.

Additionally, a bumper protector and cargo mat will keep paint and carpeting free of damage during loading and unloading of gear or pets. Typically, a little protection goes a long way towards the life of your vehicle's interior and finish.

Dividers, liners and boxes may be available custom-fitted to the cargo area of your crossover model too. These can be handy to keep cargo in place while protecting carpeting from spills.

Mud-flaps are a good investment as well. They can add a sense of ruggedness to your machine's looks while preventing long-term paint and body damage caused by salt and sand spray from the tires. Consider upgraded rims, window tinting or chrome accents for additional visual flare.

Product ideas for crossovers

Of course, upgrading the exterior of your crossover is only part of the equation — so be sure to check out interior trim accents, a hands-free phone system, navigation, or a rear-seat DVD entertainment console. Depending on the model in question, you may even find an iPod integration kit available to keep connected to your music collection on the go.

Into security and safety? Check out a backup-camera system. Available for virtually any model, it displays a rearward-facing image on a small screen that gives drivers a better view of what's going on behind them while backing up. For more peace of mind, you dealership likely carries a selection of security alarms and anti-theft devices as well.

Note that unlike some cheap knock-offs, factory accessories will fit and perform properly the first time, and last for years. They're often covered by the same new-vehicle warranty that applies to the rest of your machine, too.

After a test-drive, be sure to talk to your sales representative about accessorizing your crossover, or ask for a copy of the accessories catalog for some ideas.

COURTESY SUBARU

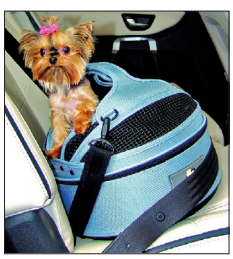
If you're an outdoors person, there are many products available from car manufacturers that will help you haul your sports equipment.

5 accessories for pets on the go

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

With the great weather that summer brings fast approaching, it'll give us even more reasons to spend some quality time with our pets. However, keeping those pets safe while travelling, whether it be by car, boat or plane, should be the owners' highest priority. Bark Buckle UP is an organization that has become the recognized innovative leader and expert in pet travel safety in the U.S. and Canada. It rigorously tests and certifies all manner of pet safety belts and systems, and those that pass are awarded the Bark Buckle UP Pet Safety badge.

Here are six pet safety products recommended by Bark Buckle UP to help make your pet safer in your car or truck. For more information on Bark Buckle Up, visit the website at barkbuckleup.com.



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For more information on pricing, visit volvocanada.com.

The Volvo Travel Barrier System for pets matches the high safety standards the brand is known for.

SLEEPYPOD MOBILE PET BED

This option for smaller dogs is actually an ultra-luxurious bed that incorporates easy-to-use travel elements that are easier and less stressful for everyone.

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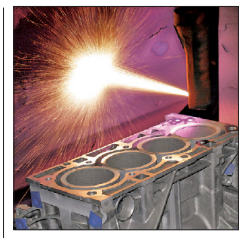
TO GO BOWL

Nothing is worse on a long car ride than having a thirsty dog that can't get a proper drink on the run. The To Go Bowl ($19.95 US) solves that problem by fitting into your car's cup holder, or on the ground during pit stops. It comes complete with a splash-guard and lid to reduce spilling, and its design allows for storage of treats or dry dog food in its removable base. For more information on Canadian availability and prices, visit furrytravelers.com.

PET TUBE CAR KENNEL

The Pet Tube is perfect for dogs that don't like being restrained into one spot by a seatbelt. It's a lightweight but super-strong fabric kennel that provides a smart and stylish solution to travelling freely with your pets. It comes in a useful tube shape in two sizes, the larger of which can be used partially at one or two thirds of its total length, thus solving space problems on the back seat.

The Pet Tube's two sizes are $76 US or $146 US, but for Canadian pricing and availability, visit petego.com.



Invention award for Ford team

BREAKTHROUGH An aluminum engine block offers a substantial weight savings to a vehicle, making it an attractive option for automakers looking for ways to reduce curb weight.

A Ford-patented thermal spray coating process for cylinder bores replaces these heavy liners with a low-friction, wear-resistant coating that makes the engine lighter and more efficient. This technology has the potential to reduce vehicle weight, increase fuel efficiency and reduce CO2 emissions.

The Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation's 36-year-old National Inventor of the Year Award recently recognized a Ford team of inventors that developed this technology.

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Beker's favourite Bug

Watch out for this column in Metro Drive in which Heather Buchan takes a look at celebrities and their world of wheels.

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CTV's FashionTelevision host Jeanne Beker with her beloved 1979 white VW Beetle "Bug" convertible; (right) A 1979 VW Beetle model.

Most famous as the dynamic host of CTV's FashionTelevision — a post she's held for the past 24 years — Jeanne Beker has had an ongoing love affair for nearly 30 years with something else few of her fashionable followers would guess: A little Bug.

It all started in 1981, just as Beker's broadcasting career was taking off and she bought herself a 1979 white VW Beetle "Bug" convertible.

"I was in the thick of my gig at The NewMusic, and I thought it was the perfect little hip car to ride around in," she explains, listing off some of actors, musicians and artists who graced the car's passenger seat in those days.

But in 1986, when Beker and her husband were expecting their first child, they decided a more practical family car was needed, and sold her beloved Beetle. "It was quite sad for me," she recalls. "As the years went by, I really regretted having sold that car. They're so hard to come by."

Then, in 2004, fate intervened. Beker was entertaining some people at home and one of the guests said, "You used to own this really great convertible Beetle, didn't you," explains the divorced mother-of-two. It turned out that his niece in northern Ontario owned the very car she longed to get back.

"She had bought it from the guy who had bought it from the girl that I had originally sold it to nearly 20 years earlier," says Beker.

Incredibly, the now-vintage convertible turned out to be in better shape than when Beker had first sold it for $11,000, so she bought it back for the exact same amount.

Today, the fashion doyenne, who's also a judge on Canada's Next Top Model, rides around Toronto on summer days in the stick-shift Beetle, listening to old tunes from Motown and Gershwin. "You really feel the road when you're driving it," she says. "It's got one of those little steering wheels that's like a racing wheel."

It also brings a smile to the faces of passersby. "People really love that car. They think of Herbie, the love bug," she quips. "I guess it's that old saying that 'if you really love something, let it go, and in a few years it'll come back.'"

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at various magazines, including Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

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Jeanne Beker hosts CTV's FashionTelevision and is a judge on Canada's Next Top Model.

Shelby GT500: Born to be wild

PETER BLEAKNEY
for Metro Canada

TEST DRIVE Forget the blasted economy for a moment. Ignore the fact that Ford and its American brethren are pinned on the ropes. Set aside any left-brain notions that a 540 hp solid rear axle pony car is hopelessly irrelevant and possesses all the environmental integrity of a can of Silly String.

Now is the time to celebrate the existence of the 2010 Shelby GT500 — a joyous distraction from all the doom and gloom consuming this industry. An affirmation that, yes, deep in bowels of corporate Detroit a few nutty engineers have been given the green light to wreak some much needed mechanical mayhem.

In this case, it's the lads at Ford's SVT (Special Vehicle Team) who have turned a pony into an altogether more fearsome creature.

Arriving at dealerships now are the 2010 Shelby GT500 Coupe ($56,499) and Convertible ($60,699), over achieving versions of the heavily revised 2010 Mustang.

The oh-ten 'Stang gets a new higher-quality interior and a cleaner, more muscular body. Only the roof is a carry over.

Step up to the Shelby GT500 Coupe and you're looking at 19" forged alloys shod with bespoke Goodyear F1 Supercar tires (255/40ZR front and 285/35ZR), four inch exhaust tips, rear deck spoiler, an aggressive front fascia and double racing stripes that adorn the doors and sweep across the top of the car. The optional $600 Xenon headlights add an extra degree of menace.

Under the domed and vented aluminum hood, a DOHC supercharged and intercooled 5.4L V8 makes 540 horsepower at 6200 r.p.m. and 510 lb.-ft. at 4500 r.p.m.

Numbers-wise, this gives the GT500 a major leg up on its immediate competitors, the $36,995 426 hp Camaro SS six-speed and the $45,995 425 hp Dodge Challenger SRT-8 six-speed. Another number of some significance is the Shelby's considerable price difference.

With this 2010 model, SVT wanted to bring more balanced handling and eradicate the previous car's understeer. Front and rear spring rates were increased 13 per cent and seven per cent respectively and the front stability bar was actually decreased in diameter to give the front more bite.

And bite it does. Over a very sinuous California coastal route, the steering felt sharp and well-weighted (sorry Challenger). and the car had loads of grip. Over smooth roads, this uber Mustang is very impressive, carving graceful arcs between bends in a ferocious, yet controlled manner.

New for 2010 is the GT500's AdvanceTrac electronic stability control with three modes — On, Sport (late and lenient intervention) and Off (melt those Goodyears, baby!) Launch control is also part of the deal.

The 2010 GT500 gets a new lower-effort clutch paired with a six-speed manual Tremec (same tranny as in the Challenger SRT-8 and Camaro SS) which is operated by a billiard ball-topped shifter with very tight and short throws. No automatic is offered.

The sound of this pony is music to the ears. SVT chief engineer Jamal Hameedi says "Legally, we're just under the wire." Add in the supercharger whine, and from the driver's seat it sounds like a cross between a cigarette boat and Axl Rose on acid, all the while doing a stand up job of rearranging your internal organs. And I mean that in a good way.

There's no doubt, the 2010 Shelby GT500 is a specialized piece. It's brash, it's brutally quick and it's everything car haters love to hate. But if you're willing to pony up the dough, it's also the best Mustang ever.

The Shelby GT500 maybe the Best mustang ever, reviewer Peter Bleakney says.

From the driver's seat, the GT500 sounds like a cross between a cigarette boat and Axl Rose on acid, writes Peter Bleakney.

2010 Shelby GT500

Type: Sports coupe/ convertible
Price: from $56,499
Engine: 5.4L supercharged intercooled DOHC V8
Power/Torque: 540; 510 lb.-ft.

Highlights

- Great handling
- Menacing looks and power

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See the Cirque

If you want to see the Cirque du Soleil's new show, Ovo, before it hits Toronto in the fall, you can catch it in Montreal until July 19; and then in Quebec City from July 30 to Aug. 23. Visit cirquedusoleil.com for more details. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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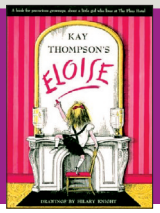

Live like Eloise

New York City landmark The Plaza Hotel, which recently underwent a $400-million US renovation, is encouraging guests to channel Eloise, the mischevious six-year-old who took up residence at the hotel in 1955 when the first of Kay Thompson's books was published. The Live Like Eloise package includes overnight accommodations, a Super Duper Sundae from In-Room Dining, Eloise postcards and more, all from $895 US/night. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Spend a summer's day at Brighton's seaside

UK resort city offers plenty of diversions

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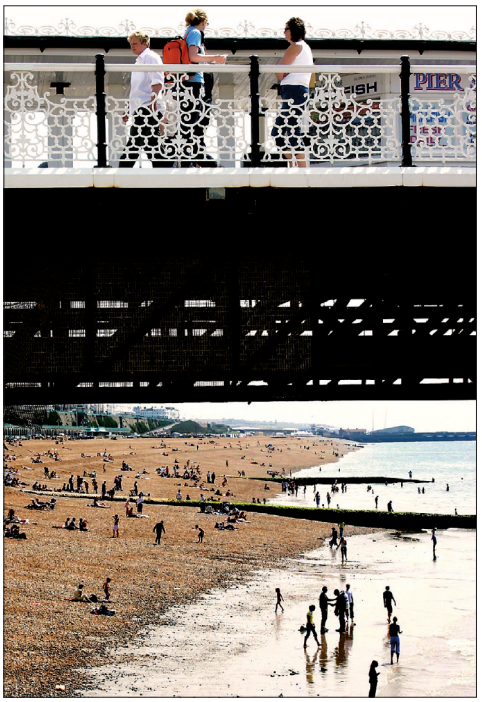

Left, reading in the garden of Brighton's Royal Pavilion, built to resemble the Taj Mahal. Right, a view of Brighton Pier with the beach below.

A short train ride from London, Brighton is one of the most vibrant seaside resorts in the UK. With a beach, great shopping, an arts and music scene as well as lively gay and straight nightlife, there's something for everyone.

To kick off a perfect day in Brighton, watch the sun rise from the freestanding bath in your room at the Hotel du Vin, hotelduvin.com/brighton, a stylish boutique hotel that's perfectly placed right in the centre of town

Have breakfast in the hotel, where you can tuck into smoked salmon and scrambled eggs, or a full English breakfast of sausage, bacon, baked beans, eggs, toast and tea.

Then pay a visit to the outlandish Royal Pavillion, royalpavilion.org.uk, a palace built in 1815 by the scandalous bon vivant King George IV to resemble the Taj Mahal. Check out the lavish interior and pretty gardens, then take a stroll along to the traditional Brighton Pier, where you can make your hair fly back on the roller-coasters and lose your pennies on the arcade games.

Don't forget to buy a stick of Brighton Rock, a candy stick with your name running through it.

For lunch, eat fish and chips overlooking the sea at the Regency fish bar, thereg encyrestaurant.co.uk, on the pebbly beach, watching braver people going for a swim in the sea. If it's chilly, get cosy at the Coach House on Middle Street, coachhousebrighton.com, a gastropub serving dishes made from local produce.

Then head out to navigate the maze of narrow alleyways that they call the Brighton Lanes — built in the 17th century and now home to antique shops, hip interiors stores, upmarket boutiques and elegant chocolate shop, Montezuma. For alternative accessories and vintage clothes hit the 300 or so independent stores on bohemian North Laine.

Watch the sun set on the beach, while enjoying a drink and a traditional pub snack of delicious home made scotch eggs and pork pies from the Pub du Vin. If you're feeling energetic, take a walk towards the trendy neighbourhood of Hove, and go for a drink in one of the many nice bars on Western Road, including the Spanish Pintxo People, pintxopeople.co.uk, and the Freemasons pub with its striking gold-tiled frontage.

For a treat, book a table at the Gingerman, one of the best restaurants in town, or its pub, The Ginger Pig, gingermanrestaurants.com. Follow up with drinks in the flashy bar at Myhotel Brighton, myhotels.com. If you're feeling flush, check into a room in this hip new hotel with its palette of lurid '60s-inspired colours — the top-end rooms here are like something out of Austin Powers, complete with circular bed, freestanding bath and an up-lit Buddha statue on the balcony.

Good to know

How to get there: There are several trains an hour to Brighton departing from London's London Bridge station. It takes about an hour and costs from about $30. By bus, the trip takes two hours and costs from about $5.40.
When to go: Any time of year.
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5 top tapas bars

Barcelona dishes up its take on tapas menu

The Catalan city of Barcelona is so popular with holidaymakers that it's hard to avoid falling into the trap of the ubiquitous tourist menu when you go out to eat.

Follow our guide, an exclusive extract from Time Out's new city guide to Barcelona, and you'll always strike lucky when you step out for tapas.

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A chalkboard lists the offerings available at a Barcelona tapas bar.

Comerç 24

"Tapas," says Michelin-starred chef Carles Abellan, "are one Spanish thing I really like." He's not talking about the Spain he lives in, he's talking about the other Spain, the Spain that does not include Catalonia.

This passionately felt divide is one of the reasons that tapas bars in Barcelona tend to be oriented to tourism, where they exist at all. They are simply not seen as Catalan enough.

Abellan set about to change all that a few years ago, with his übercool Comerç 24. Often described by international press as an "avant-garde tapas restaurant," in fact it serves platillos, small dishes of which the diner can order several.

These are inspired by Abellan's time in the kitchens of El Bulli, under experimental chef Ferran Adrià, and bear little resemblance to the ham croquettes and patatas bravas to which he refers.

His newer venture, Tapaç 24 redresses the balance; an old-school bar, serving traditional tapas of excellent quality. Among the lentils with chorizo and cod croquettes, however, his fans will also find playful snacks more in keeping with his previous style.

The McFoie Burger is an exercise in fast-food heaven, as is the Bikini — a small version of his signature take on the ham and cheese toastie, this one with truffle.

• Comerç 24, C/Diputacio 269, Metro Passeig de Gracia Open 9 a.m.-midnight Mon.-Sat.; carlesabellan.com.

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A tapas dish served in the Catalan capital.

Quimet I Quimet

Packed to the rafters with dusty bottles of wine, this classic but minuscule bar makes up for in tapas what it lacks in space. The specialities are conservas (shellfish preserved in tins), which aren't always to non-Spanish tastes, but montaditos, sculpted tapas served on bread, are spectacular.

Try salmon sashimi with cream cheese, honey and soy, or cod passata and black olive pate. Get there early for any chance of a surface on which to put your drink.

• Quimet I Quimet, C/Poeta Cabanyes 25, Metro Paral·lel. Open noon-4 p.m., 7-10:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; noon-4 p.m. Sat.; closed Aug.

Inopia

Inopia opened by Albert Adrià a couple of years ago, and it's been rammed ever since. As with Tapaç24, the emphasis has been on a revival of old techniques and recipes, using the best ingredients.

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Cruise ship to be hotel during Olympics

VANCOUVER The Norwegian Star cruise ship will dock in Vancouver to serve as a floating hotel during the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Three- and four-night packages will include meals, city tours, airport transfers, nightly entertainment and other extras.

Package prices start at $2,836 US for two people sharing an inside stateroom and climb significantly. One four-night package in a suite with a city view costs $19,740 for two. Guests who choose not to attend Olympics events in person can watch live satellite coverage of the Games on board. And if they want to cut themselves off from the city entirely, that is also possible. "Unlike other venues in Vancouver, there will be no lineups at the Norwegian Star's 13 restaurants, eight lounges, luxurious spa, indoor pool and fitness centre," said a news release.

The ship will stay in Vancouver's harbour for 20 nights during the Games, from Feb. 10 to March 2; see vancouver2010cruiseship.com. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cruise industry highlights deals

The Cruise Lines International Association is launching a campaign called You Deserve a Cruise to highlight deals for cruises sailing later this year and next year.

Terry Dale, CLIA's president, said in a statement that prices this season are "incredible, never-seen-before, and likely never to be seen again, values."

For details on offers, visit cruising.org/youdeserveacruise or individual cruise line websites. Here are examples from some of the 23 participating cruise lines; restrictions may apply.

• American Cruise Lines is offering a free category upgrade if you reserve a stateroom on a 2009 10-night Grand New England Cruise before Aug. 31.

• Carnival Cruise Lines assures the lowest rate available if you book a three- to five-day cruise three months in advance, or a six-day or longer cruise five months in advance.

• Celebrity Cruises is offering rates as low as $64 US per day for Alaska, Europe and Trans-Panama Canal cruises, with price protection when those bookings are made by June 30.

• Crystal Cruises' All Inclusive-As You Wish promotion extends up to $2,000 in shipboard credits on nearly every voyage for 2009 and 2010.

• Cunard is offering 30 per cent off early booking fares on Queen Mary 2 and Queen Victoria 2010 World Cruise full, liner and segment voyages.

• Disney Cruise Line is giving onboard credits for veranda stateroom bookings on Caribbean cruises, with a $700 credit for most seven-night cruises sailings June 20-Aug. 8; a $400 credit for most four-night trips June 28-Aug. 9, and $300 for most three-night sailings June 25-Aug. 6.

• Holland America Line is offering 50 per cent off your deposit for each booked 2010 cruise, with no deposit required for the third or fourth guest, plus reduced fares on some sailings.

• MSC Cruises is offering balcony staterooms on European cruises from $999 per person (savings of 60 per cent), plus a "Kids Sail Free" offer, through June 30. Some Caribbean cruises are on sale for $399 plus "Kids Sail Free."

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A view of the Alaskan coastline from a cruise ship.

• Norwegian Cruise Line is offering weekly "Hot Deals" at ncl.com/nclweb/hotdeal/specialOffers.html.

• Oceania Cruises is launching 2010 European sailings with a $2,000 price reduction off two-for-one cruise fares, with a free airfare per stateroom on all 2010 sailings to Europe.

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Old Fort Niagara anniversary to be marked with re-enactment

YOUNGSTOWN, N.Y. Fort Niagara still looks like a tough nut to crack.

The outer walls trace the same outline of the high earthworks that greeted a British-led army sent to conquer the fort 250 years ago this summer. The three-storey "French Castle" looming over the western Lake Ontario shoreline is as imposing as when 3,500 redcoats, American colonials and Native American warriors laid siege to the fort in July 1759.

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Tourists leave Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown, N.Y.

A significant part of the Old Fort Niagara State Historic site 42 kilometres north of Buffalo remains much the same as it was in 1759, at the end of the French and Indian War, when the English finally captured the wilderness outpost after decades under French control.

"Niagara probably gives us the best sense of an 18th-century fortification," said Brian Leigh Dunnigan, executive director of the fort from 1979-1996.

This summer, the fort is commemorating the 250th anniversary of the siege. During the July 4 weekend, more than 2,000 French and Indian War buffs from across the U.S. and Canada are expected to participate in the re-enactment of the 1759 siege of Fort Niagara, which lasted three weeks.

Built to guard the portage between lakes Erie and Ontario, Fort Niagara was situated where the Niagara River empties into Lake Ontario. Seizing it would sever French Canada's communication and supply lines linking the colony with its outposts in the Ohio Valley, around the western Great Lakes and on the Mississippi River.

The British force headed westward from Albany in May, crossed the lake's southern shore and landed a few kilometres east of the fort on July 6. Five days later, British mortars, and later, cannon fire, began pounding the fort.

The survivors among the garrison's 600 defenders surrendered on July 25, 1759. The British capture of Fort Niagara was one of the key events leading up to the French defeat outside Quebec City later that year in one of history's most important battles. In 1763, France signed the treaty that surrendered Canada to the English.

Some 2,300 re-enactors are expected to recreate events from the siege. Visitors can view artillery barrages, musket volleys and skirmishes from the fort's grass-covered walls, then stroll through the "living history camps" set up inside the fort. French and Indian War buffs will demonstrate how people lived, dressed and fought on the American frontier, said Tom Faith, a re-enactor from Elma, N.Y.

"We try to do things as accurately as possible, to do it as they did it," he said.

Such public displays of history in action often engage people who are easily turned off by museum exhibits, said Dunnigan. "There was hardship and suffering, and people today will identify with people of an earlier time when it's put in those terms."

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If you go

• Old Fort Niagara in Youngstown, N.Y., oldfortniagara.org or 716-745-7611.

• Admission $10 US; re-enactment $13 daily; three-day pass $25; family pass $45.

Los Cabos à la Carte

Not surprisingly, plenty of destinations in Mexico are dishing up deals. Los Cabos à la Carte is a new promotion whereby 30 hotels and resorts in Los Cabos are offering package deals at "unprecedented" prices. See visitloscabos.org/HotelPromotions.aspx. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Vacation posts could pose security concern

Facebook, Twitter users may not consider risks of updates

Like a lot of people who use social media, Israel Hyman and his wife Noell went on Twitter to share real-time details of a recent trip.

Their posts said they were "preparing to head out of town," that they had "another 10 hours of driving ahead," and that they "made it to Kansas City."

While they were on the road, their home in Mesa, Ariz., was burglarized. Hyman has an online video business called IzzyVideo.com, with 2,000 followers on Twitter. He thinks his Twitter updates tipped the burglars off.

"My wife thinks it could be a random thing, but I just have my suspicions," he said. "They didn't take any of our normal consumer electronics." They took his video editing equipment.

Most people wouldn't leave a recording on a home answering machine telling callers they're on vacation for a week, and most people wouldn't let mail or newspapers pile up while they were away. But users of social media think nothing of posting real-time vacation photos on Facebook showing themselves on beaches thousands of kilometres from home, or sending out automatic email messages that say, "I'm out of the country for a week."

"I'm amazed at how many people get on there and say they're going on vacation," said Lee Struble, head of security at Monroe Community College in Rochester, N.Y.

Struble, 53, is a member of Facebook with more than 200 friends, many of them classmates from high school and college who recently reconnected through the site. "Some of these people you haven't seen in 20 or 30 years," said Struble. "But they know where you live or can find out pretty easily, they can do a Google Maps search and can get directions to your house, and you're telling them that you're going to be gone."

SHAWN GEARHART

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Struble is careful about his outgoing email messages. "I just tell people I'm going to be out of the office; I don't say I'm going to be out of town," he said.

Despite the fact that so many people share their vacation plans via the Internet, most Americans don't think private information is secure online. "We actually polled on that question, and the majority of people, teenagers and adults, think that a determined searcher can find them — no matter how careful they are with information," said Lee Rainey, who has studied Internet behaviour extensively as director of the Pew Internet and American Life project in Washington, D.C.

New communication technology has always brought with it new risks and rules, usually learned the hard way. When telegrams were a primary means of long-distance communication, correspondents struggled to craft messages that would convey meaning without revealing private business to the operator. Party line phones were often conduits of news and gossip. And Prince Charles showed the world painfully that mobile conversations could be intercepted when his pillow-talk call to Camilla Bowles was made public.

Facebook and Twitter are so relatively new that users may not consider all the risks. For Hyman, Twitter was a way to connect with fans of IzzyVideo.com, where he offers how-to videos on video production. His wife teaches scrapbooking through videos at Paperclipping.com. About half of the new episodes they release are free, but viewers pay to access their archives.

"The customers have never met me in person," Hyman said. "Twitter is a way for them to get to know me. You do business with people you know. I'm a real person. I take my kids to the park. I go on vacation. I'm not just some company!"

He added: "I forgot that there's an inherent danger in putting yourself out there."

Detective Steven Berry of the Mesa Police Department, which is investigating the burglary at Hyman's home, said: "You've got to be careful about what you put out there. You never know who's reading it."

Despite the potential risks, some social media fans say they have no qualms about sharing their whereabouts.

"I don't worry about it," said David McCauley of Boise, Idaho, a social media consultant who posts a running update of his activities for his Facebook friends. McCauley also communicates constantly on Twitter, where anyone can sign up to read your posts.

"If somebody really wanted to rob me, they could rob me whether they're Tweeting about it or not," McCauley said. "Most people who want to follow you (on Twitter) are typically not thieves, or they're not looking to take your stuff; they just want to follow you and understand you."

McCauley even plans to offer a description, via Twitter, of a trip to adopt a child overseas.

"In the grand scheme of all the noise that's out here on the Internet and in Facebook and Twitter, there's so much going on that it would be hard for somebody to zero in on me, looking for me to be gone," he said. "I'm just not worth that much."

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RCMP ceremony back in Regina

REGINA The RCMP will conduct its colourful "sunset-retreat" ceremony once again this summer, starting on Canada Day.

The annual event, lasting about 45 minutes at the RCMP Academy, Depot Division, features military music, the lowering of the Canadian flag, a march past, and drill display by cadets wearing the scarlet tunic. It will be held July 1 and on Tuesdays until mid-August, at 6:45 p.m.

Visitors can also meet the mounted riders and horses after the ceremony.

The Depot Division, consisting of 75 buildings on 190 hectares, has been a training centre for Mounties for more than a century.

The RCMP Heritage Centre is also offering a precinct tour several times a day during the summer. Visit rcmpheritagecentre.com for further information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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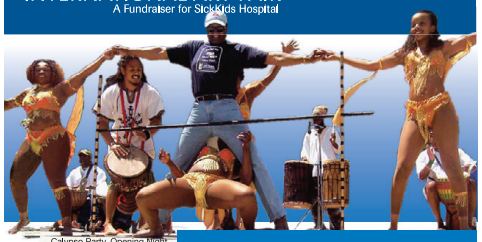

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Visitors are dwarfed by redwoods in California.

Northbound on California's coast

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Michael Jackson

Riding north along Highway 101 from Los Angeles to Morro Bay, Calif., is riveting: The multi-million dollar homes are chock-a-block along the shoreline, and you pass by streets with storied names such as Mulholland Drive and Ventura Boulevard.

But the ride from Morro Bay to Monterey, Calif., on Highway 1, is a great section of road for ocean views. Cliffs line one side of the highway, and steep slopes fall to the ocean on the other.

I drove up past San Simeon, Big Sur and Carmel-by-the-sea before arriving in Monterey late at night. The sun set as I rode up and through Big Sur, painting the clouds red. Waves crashed into the rocks and sent spray upward; I could taste the salt in the air. I had the road all to myself.

Monterey is a great little town. Lots of quaint well-tended cottages line the coast, their yards angled to the sea. Since I'd been riding for 20 days straight and wanted a rest, I stopped for three days.

I stayed in downtown Monterey and strolledup and down the beach, exploring The Cannery, eating great Mexican food and enjoying the sea horse exhibit at the Monterey Aquarium.

San Francisco is not much farther up the coast from Monterey. It was early when I arrived there and the sun had not yet burned off the fog, which obscured the towers of the Golden Gate Bridge as I crossed it into the northern half of California.

I continued north through Fort Bragg where Highway 1 turns inland just north of Rockport, and followed it up and over hills and down into thick forests where it finally joins Highway 101.

You must take the scenic route called the Avenue of the Giants, namely redwood cedars. These trees are so large, it would take 10 people linking arms to circle the bases. Some of the redwoods are over 800 years old. They say that when it rains, the raindrops don't reach the forest floor.

The air is still and damp, and noises are muffled as they bounce off of the trees and are absorbed by the thick bark.

The sun sends streaks of light through the leaves hitting the forest floor illuminating a cushion of leaves, moss and ferns. Looking around, you notice that everybody is struck with the same sense of awe. Our glances meet and we smile at each other, acknowledging the beauty surrounding us.

Michael Jackson is on a two-month motorcycle trip around North America. Track his progress at adventuremotorcycleroutes.ca.

Road trip

• Metro columnist Michael Jackson has embarked on the trip of a lifetime. He has headed out for a two-month solo motorcycle trip across the U.S. and Canada — but to make things even more interesting, he plans to have something of a mobile office, managing his small business, a printing company, remotely while he's on the road. But will Michael really be able to put work aside at those times when he's trying to enjoy his trip? Will his bike break down, wreaking havoc on his itinerary and budget? And will he go stir crazy travelling by himself for six weeks? Follow his adventures every Wednesday in Metro to find out.

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Barcelona learns to embrace tapas

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Intopia's stark, overlit look and awkwardly L-shaped room, along with a determinedly straightforward approach was initially a disappointment for those expecting El-Bulli style culinary fireworks, but has since won over the public with a slavish devotion to finding the best-quality produce and meticulous care in its preparation.

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GREG GLADMAN/TIME OUT GUIDES

A menu and tapas dish at Tapaç24.

Bar Celta

Bar Celta unapologetically '60's interior is fiercely lit, noisy and not recommended for anyone feeling a bit rough. It is, however, one of the more authentic experiences to be had in the Gòtic. A Galician tapas bar, it specialises in food from the region, such as lacón con grelos (boiled gammon with turnip tops) and good seafood, accompanied by crisp Albariño wine served in traditional white ceramic bowls. A characterful place.

• Bar Celta, C/Mercè 16, Metro Drassanes. Open noon-midnight Tues-Sun.

Euskal Etxea

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Never Get Lost Again: The Complete Guide to Improving Your Sense of Direction by Linda Grekin (RDR Books) is an entertaining and useful book about the hard-core directionally impaired — the kind of people who get lost even with GPS devices, MapQuest and Google Maps.

"I had never seen a good article about it, let alone a book," said Roger Rapaport, publisher of the Michigan-based RDR Books, in an afterword explaining why he decided to publish the book.

Never Get Lost Again: The Complete Guide to Improving Your Sense of Direction by Linda Grekin.

Grekin, the author, designed a survey to figure out what traits are common to people who get lost a lot. One thing stood out in her research: Most of those with a poor sense of direction also have trouble visualizing and mentally rotating objects. They have to turn a map around so that it's facing the way they're going; they have to write directions out in reverse; and if they are on the lower floor of a two-story house, they can't be sure what room is above them.

The book includes some interesting quizzes to test your spatial ability, along with tips for the directionally impaired, including highlighting your route on a map, noting landmarks so you can find your way back more easily, and allowing extra time so that if you do get lost, you won't be late.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ferry increases Canuck marketing efforts

PROMOTION The company that operates the high-speed ferry that runs from Maine to Nova Scotia says it is shifting some of its marketing efforts this year to entice Canadians to travel to Maine.

In past years, Bay Ferries has focused mostly on getting Americans to use The Cat to get from Maine to Nova Scotia.

But the relatively strong Canadian dollar is causing the company to shift some of its ad dollars to the Canadian market.

The Portland Press Herald says Bay Ferries is running print ads and television commercials in Nova Scotia promoting the attractions of Portland and Bar Harbor, the two Maine ports it serves.

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Entertainment

Idol opens up
Adam Lambert says he is gay in the new issue of Rolling Stone (on stands today) and has inked a record deal will be working on a debut album expected in the fall. USMAGAZINE.COM

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Bahamas background offers Finley little help

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Snow isn't the only element Canada's Next Top Model will be expected to brave once she's crowned.

The eight model hopefuls still in contention were put to various elemental tests on last night's episode of the show. First, the women faced posing while being hit with water. Judges Mike Ruiz and Yasmin Warsame oversaw the contestants as they attempted to remain static while their competitors splashed them with boards in a pool.

Watch Canada's Next Top Model every Tuesday night on CTV

Then, an early morning photo shoot saw the women try to produce a fashionable commercial photograph while smearing and squeezing different fruits on their faces.

However, the dry runs were only preparation for the week's challenge. Host Jay Manuel surprised the girls with a trip to the Bahamas, where they had to embrace a foreign tropical climate to produce a winning photo, posing as a bride left by her fiancée at a beachfront altar.

But not all of the model hopefuls were Bahamas-bound. Lacking a passport, Vancouver's Maryam Massoumi had to stay in Toronto and perform the same shoot in a studio.

The disadvantage didn't stop her from wowing the judges. Massoumi slid by, behind Heather Delaney of Halifax, who was the challenge winner.

And while the on-location shoot seemed like an advantage to Ebonie Finley from Repentigny, Que., who grew up in the Bahamas, her confidence crumbled when the judges picked her photo as the weakest, making her the third contender to be sent home.

"It was really a big shock for me," said Finley. "I really thought I had a great photo shoot, especially when Nolé (Marin, the show's creative director) said he thought it was amazing."

In a shoot where the women were expected to wear their hearts on their sleeves, Finley was criticized by the judges for being unable to translate interior feelings outward. "I also personally didn't like the picture, but I thought we had to show emotion and I was really emotional during my shoot, so I thought I had done a really good job," she said.

Finley also thought her motivation for being in the competition surpassed that of some of the other girls, who she said looked at modeling as a secondary career choice.

"Some people there, in my opinion, were there more for the fame or fun of it, where I was really serious ... For me, there was no plan B."

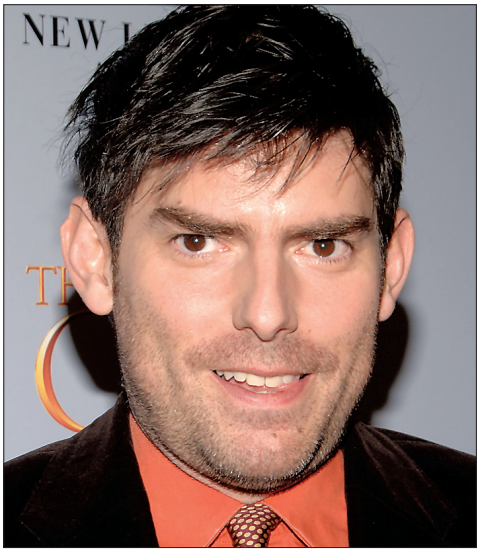
Ebonie Finley

Once in a New Moon

Director Chris Weitz takes over successful vampire series

TALIA SOGHOMONIAN
Metro World News

After the success of Twilight last year, New Moon — the latest film in the Stephanie Meyer's book series — is one of this year's most hotly anticipated upcoming movies. Leading the production is director Chris Weitz, who is taking his first stab at the franchise.



Chris Weitz, left, takes over directorial duties, and Dakota Fanning, above, joins the cast of Twilight sequel New Moon.

More New Moon

- For more of our interview with Chris Weitz, visit metronews.ca/entertainment.
- Read tomorrow's issue of Metro for an interview with actress Kristen Stewart.

Q How does it feel to take over directorial duties of such a successful franchise?

A On the one hand, it's exciting to take over a successful franchise. On the other, it's daunting. There are so many fans who have high expectations for this film, but it's made easy by the fact that I inherited this amazing cast who are certainly very talented. So half of the time, I'm just overjoyed to be a part of this and the other half, I'm nervous that I'm going to be hunted down and killed by a pack of 14-year-old teenage girls in about a year's time!

Q What was your reaction when you were first offered the job?

A I was surprised because it happened very suddenly, and I had a week and a half to decide whether I was gong to do it or not. Then I saw the first film, I saw the case and I thought, 'This is going to be great, actually. Kristen, Rob and Taylor were great' — that's what convinced me to do it. And I read the book and I thought I saw my way of making a good version of the book. It's really a question of whether I can do justice to the book and to please the readers. That's my job.

Q Twilight, the first installment of the series, received some criticism for not being 100 per cent true to the book. Are you addressing some of these issues?

A It's impossible to be completely faithful to every single page of a book because movies don't have enough time. So you end up cutting things and combining things. But I would say that we're definitely using the book as our bible. My take on this film is the film is the book and Stephanie Mayer is my main resource for everything in this. I'm constantly checking with her to see if it's something a character would do or a detail is right. You can never absolutely please everybody but my main attention is to satisfy the fans of the book.

Q You're a very visual director. What's your vision for New Moon?

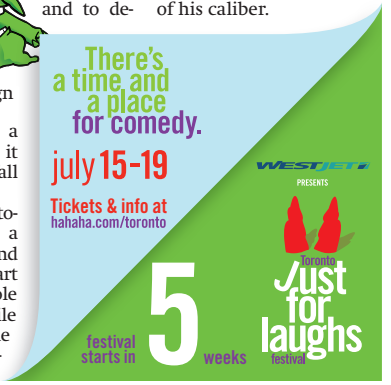
A We've got an amazing visual effects team. The whole idea is to use the full palette of colours, to have our shadows be very dark and to have our colours be very rich so that we can experience the full range of emotional texture. The idea is that this will look like a Victorian narrative painting in a way with those medieval jewel-like colours as well as very glossy deep blacks, and for the composition of the frames to be classical. In some ways, this is going to be a rather old-fashioned film. There are elements that incorporate the latest technology and there are things that are very dynamic in the action scenes.

Q How do you keep the continuity of the story?

A Well, we try to maintain a coherence so that nothing seems unrealistic or bizarre. One of the strengths of Stephenie Meyer's books is that they manage to convey the normalness of people's lives and the normalness of the main character, and yet feeds on all those supernatural and extraordinary elements. When we go to Italy, we are dealing with this 2,000-year-old order of vampires. The key is to cast it and to design it in such a way that it doesn't fall completely from the story but it's a beautiful and intricate part of the whole thing, while at the same time, giving you the sense that you're opening up to this much bigger world.

Q Can you comment on some of your casting choices, like Dakota Fanning?

A Dakota Fanning is playing Jane, who's the most dangerous and evil of all of them. And it's a part where she plays against type because you don't think of Dakota Fanning as either evil or dangerous. But she's an extraordinary actress and we're lucky to have her. Michael Sheen plays the head of the Volturi, who are the law and order of the vampire world. I think he's an extraordinarily accomplished actor and I just feel, again, fairly fortunate to have someone of his caliber.



Box office: The big three

The top three films in Canada for the weekend of June 5-7, ranked by box office receipts: **1.** Up — $3,716,617; **2.** The Hangover — $3,186,137 and **3.** Land of the Lost — $1,157,099. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Entertainment in brief

SERIES Jillian Harris, the star of TV's The Bachelorette, can't reveal whether she finds love on the show, but says she's really happy with the way things turned out. Harris, from Alberta, is the first Canadian bachelorette. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ramsay slammed by TV host

An Australian TV host said yesterday that foul-mouthed celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay would never again be welcome on her show after he hurled insults and sexual references at her during a food and wine fair.

Ramsay is the volatile star of reality television programs Hell's Kitchen and Kitchen Nightmares — ratings winners for Australia's Nine Network. The network also broadcasts the popular A Current Affair television show, hosted by high-profile journalist Tracy Grimshaw.

After an uneventful appearance by Ramsay on Grimshaw's show Friday night, the British chef and restaurateur went to a food and wine tasting event Saturday attended by about 3,000 people in the southern city of Melbourne.

Ramsay stunned the audience by unleashing a string of insults at Grimshaw in her absence, calling her a lesbian and likening her to a pig. Ramsay repeated the insults Sunday and Monday at the same food exposition. Later he said he was only joking. Grimshaw, though, failed to see the humour and retaliated on her program Monday night, calling Ramsay an "arrogant narcissist" and a "bully."

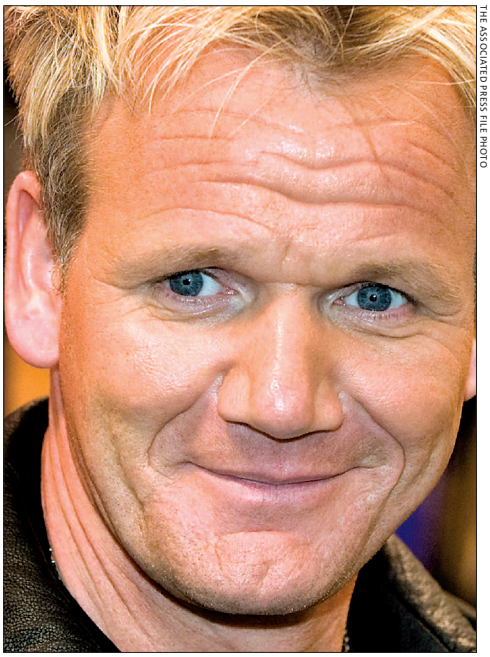
"Obviously Gordon thinks that any woman who doesn't find him attractive must be gay. For the record, I don't and I'm not."
Tracy Grimshaw, TV host

"Obviously Gordon thinks that any woman who doesn't find him attractive must be gay," Grimshaw said. "For the record, I don't and I'm not."

Grimshaw continued her attack Tuesday in a radio interview during which she said Ramsay would not be invited back on her program.

"I'm not interested in speaking to the bloke again," Grimshaw told Fairfax Radio. "I can't imagine any circumstances where I would want to interview him again."

Ramsay's publicist did not return The Associated Press's telephone call yesterday. However, an unrepentant Ramsay told Nine News yesterday that his comments had been "blown out of context." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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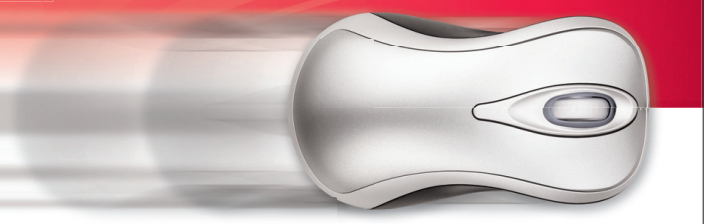

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John Adams wins grand jury prize
HBO's much-touted miniseries John Adams has won the grand jury prize and the best drama award at the Banff World Television Festival. The historical drama depicts the life and times of the second president of the United States. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The end of epic TV?

Lost producer/director predicts more stand-alone dramas

When Lost airs its final episode next year, it won't just be the end of the popular serial.

Jack Bender — a producer and director on the hit drama — says it'll likely mark the end of epic TV shows in general.

"It's going to be one of the last huge television shows in terms of size of cast and scope of production," predicts Bender, in town to lead a master class at the Banff World Television Festival.

"Given the fact that network television is changing, it may be one of the last great rides of this kind of big epic storytelling."

This he attributes to a combination of factors: The collapsed economy, what the networks are looking for in new programming, and the sheer cost of mounting a show like Lost.

Since it shoots in Hawaii, where sets and materials must be flown in, the expense is significant, notes Bender.

TV drama Lost wil air its final episode next year. (Pictured Lost cast members).

Lost wraps its puzzling storyline with 18 episodes next winter and its creators have repeatedly promised that all will be resolved by the time the last hour has aired.

"There will be an ending to our show and I trust it will be a stimulating, satisfying ending," says the bespectacled Bender, acknowledging at the same time that for much of its life, the series was known for infuriating twists that seemed to go nowhere.

"This show needs to be building toward a story finish. The audience can't feel like the creative wheels are spinning and critically, there were times during the seasons before ... where we were critically, and in terms of our audience, getting busted for spinning wheels a little bit."

Season 5 wrapped up last month with the long-awaited appearance of the mythical Jacob, an explosive bid by Jack to erase the past (or was that the future?), and Locke's identity muddled.

Likening the series to a large literary work comprised of six books, Bender says the plot will close definitively next year. No window will remain open for a movie, or some cheesy comeback.

Bender says TV's thematic pendulum is swinging away from serial television towards more stand-alone dramas. Procedurals are popular with networks, he notes, because it's easier for audiences to drop in at any time.

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Entertainment in brief

MUSIC A Toni Braxton impersonator was acquitted yesterday of trying to fool paying customers into thinking she's the real thing. The Las Vegas entertainer had spent three months in jail awaiting a verdict. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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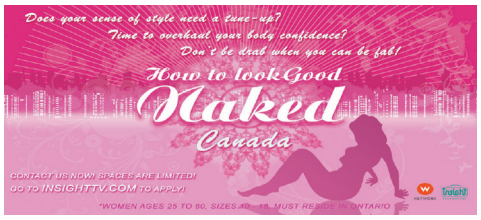
Picasso sketchbook stolen

A shiny red notebook dating from 1917 to 1924, containing 33 pencil drawings by Pablo Picasso, has been stolen from the Paris museum that bears the painter's name, authorities said yesterday. The book is reportedly worth several million euros. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment in brief

BREVITY At the Webby Awards, winners stuck to the traditional five-word acceptance speeches. Gems included Twitter's Biz Stone's "Creativity is a renewable resource," Arianna Huffington's "I didn't kill newspapers, OK?" and Jimmy Fallon's "Thank God Conan got promoted." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Illuminating art in the city

Like them or not, the public art installations that are a big part of Luminato sure turn walkers into gawkers.

David Rokeby's long wave — 60 bright red balls in swirling curves mounted from the ceiling of the galleria at Brookfield Place in the city's financial district — had passersby stopping and staring up.

"It looks just great. It really brings a long wave into my mind. As a person with a technical degree, I'm wondering how they managed to hang it in this way. The shape is really special, the curve is perfect," said Vadim Iakouchov, a systems designer.

"I've come here almost every day for 10 years and this is maybe the best installation I've ever seen here," he added.

Gidget Hunter said the gently curving piece reminded her of "DNA strands" and made the already impressive six-storey-tall pedestrian walkway seem even longer.

But artist Germaine Koh's Broken Arrow in the Exchange Tower at 130 King St. W. left most observers unsure of how to react.

Three stacked boxes suspended from the ceiling over some escalators project words like CB Radio, Echelon and Air Traffic along with arcs of light onto nearby walls while emitting a high-pitched whine.

BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Like other arts installations during arts festival Luminato, the goal of artist Kurt Perschke's Red Ball Project (seen here at Nathan Phillips Square) is to bring light to places unnoticed before, using the city as a canvas. Find it today at an alley on Elm St, between 13 and 15 from 11 a.m.

"I don't even have the words to describe it. I'm not getting this one."
Luminato art passerby Josie Diluzio

"I don't even have the words to describe it. I'm not getting this one," said technical worker Josie Diluzio.

"They're all technology-related ... and brand names. It's something about technology," said accountant Camillo Casciato.

"It sure makes a lot of noise," Casciato added.

In a darkened tent pitched inside Brookfield Place's Sam Pollock Square, art lovers were dazzled by Doublespeak, an exhibit by artists Brad Hindson and Mitchell Chan.

What appears to be an abstract painting with wire sculptures is transformed by light, activated as a spectator approaches, creating stunning images of Greek mythic figures like Icarus and Sisyphus.

"It's a lot of fun and something very beautiful.

"It makes you want to look further into the piece. This is something really new because it's also three-dimensional," said artist Claudia Blanc.

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Experience art

Many events are free, tickets for others available at 416-872-1111 or the T.O.TIX booth at Yonge Dundas Square. For more info, go to luminato.com.

Some of today's events:

- The Canadian Songbook: A Tribute to Neil Young's Live at Massey Hall relives the musician's 1971 concert; performers include Holly Cole, Jason Collett, Cowboy Junkies and others. Tonight 8 p.m. Massey Hall, 178 Victoria St. ($59.50-$79.50).
- Carmen, based on the Bizet opera, shares the bill with Dominique Dumais' Skin Divers, inspired by Anne Michaels' book of poetry. Presented by the National Ballet of Canada. Tonight 7:30 p.m., on to June 14 ($20-$200 at 416-345-9595). Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen St. W.
- Illuminations — Lunchtime Conversations series features Not-So-Guilty-Pleasures, with editor John Macfarlane and writers from the summer reading issue of The Walrus Magazine. Today, 12:30 p.m., Roots, 100 Bloor St. W., 2nd floor (free).

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Cole plots comeback
Natalie Cole is preparing for her comeback performance less than a month after a successful kidney transplant. The Grammy-winning singer says she'll perform Sept. 9 at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DJ Jazzy Jeff abruptly stops gig

Hip-hop performer DJ Jazzy Jeff stormed off the stage during a weekend performance in Kansas City, saying venue managers did not like the type of music he was playing.

Officials with the Power & Light District say they just wanted the production crew to turn down the music because it was too loud for the sound system.

"His management was instructed on four occasions to turn the music down," said Power & Light District president Jon Stephens. "The system was maxed out and it would have damaged the equipment."

In Twitter entries, Jazzy Jeff said the staff at the KC Live! pavilion stopped his show after about half an hour Saturday night "for playin' hip hop."

The performer, whose real name is Jeff Townes, won a Grammy in 1988 with partner Will (Fresh Prince) Smith for the hit Parents Just Don't Understand. He also had a recurring role as Smith's best friend on the 1990s sitcom, The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.

Concertgoers said Jazzy Jeff was playing hip-hop and pop songs before abruptly ending his set. Then rapper Skillz, who was serving as Jazzy Jeff's hype man, yelled out, "They won't let us play hip-hop, y'all."

Representatives for Jazzy Jeff did not return calls from The Associated Press.

In a Kansas City Star story, Jazzy Jeff said that venue officials said his set "attracted the wrong kind of element." He told the columnist that the "element" reference seemed to be directed at blacks. Baltimore-based Cordish Co., which operates the Power & Light District, received negative attention last year for its dress code banning hip-hop styles such as sagging pants and oversize jewelry.

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Joan Hart's mom progressing

Melissa Joan Hart's mother Paula is progressing "quickly" after brain surgery two weeks ago to remove a benign tumor, the actress says. "Every day, she is like a different person," Hart, 33, told People magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travolta thanks Pelham colleagues

John Travolta

FILM John Travolta is thanking his colleagues from The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 for promoting the film while he continues to mourn the death of his 16-year-old son, Jett, who died after a seizure in January.

Travolta has posted a note on his personal website, thanking Pelham director Tony Scott and co-stars Denzel Washington, John Turturro, Luis Guzman and James Gandolfini for "their unselfish efforts" publicizing the picture.

The 55-year-old actor also thanked Scott for "the freedom to define, and then to become, the ultimate evil mastermind." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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New sextuplets series

No theatrics in latest extreme parenthood TV show

Jenny and Bryan Masche bring something welcome right now to TV's genre of extreme parenthood: Their absence of theatrics.

An attractive young couple with two-year-old sextuplets, they star in Raising Sextuplets, a six-episode series premiering on cable's WE tv at 10 p.m. EDT Thursday — which happens to be the youngsters' second birthday.

There are three sons and three daughters in the bulging Masche household in Lake Havasu City (an Arizona community perhaps best known until now as the home of the relocated London Bridge).

Bryan is a pharmaceutical salesman studying at night for a master's degree. Jenny manages to fit the occasional marathon into her busy schedule, as well as shifts in the ER as a physician's assistant.

For the Masche family, money and space are tight, sleep is at a premium, and offspring are abundant. It's fun to watch and, to one extent or another, relatable (as in the first episode, when Bryan, who added 30 pounds of his own during Jenny's pregnancy, submits to a weight-loss program).

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The Masche family, from left, Bailey, Savannah, father Bryan, Cole, Grant, mother Jenny, Blake and Molli, are shown from the series Raising Sextuplets, a six-episode series.

A four-person crew has been filming the Masches for the new series since the kids were just a few months old. (It follows up on OMG! Sextuplets! — a documentary on Jenny's challenging pregnancy that premiered a year ago, and re-airs 9 p.m. EDT Thursday).

"It ended up being a lot of fun," says Jenny by phone, with her husband and their kids in proximity. "Around five days of each month, when the crew was around, we got a little break from the routine, we got to have some friends around —"

"— and a few extra hands," added Bryan gratefully.

Since the Masches admitted cameras into their world, other series about multiples have flourished: TLC introduced 18 Kids and Counting and Table for 12.

And in the past couple of years, Jon & Kate Plus 8 has swollen into a huge hit for TLC, then, in recent weeks, burst into a tabloid spectacle.

Viewers by the millions are hooked on Jon and Kate Gosselin, not just as the parents of twins and sextuplets, but also as scandal-ridden stars in a crumbling marriage.

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Perfectly Normal
Renzo (Michael Riley) works in a brewery, plays for the company hockey team, drives a cab and dreams of building a little house in the country. Alonzo (Robbie Coltrane), an opera buff newly arrived in Renzo's town, dreams of opening an opera-themed restaurant with waiters in drag. When Alonzo gets into Renzo's cab one night, his contagious enthusiasm lights a fire under the other man. Kenneth Welsh also stars in this quirky 1991 comedy. 10:10 AM on PIX

In brief

AGREEMENT The Real Housewives of New York City cast member accused of punching her ex-boyfriend has reached an agreement in the case. Model Kelly Killoren Bensimon was arrested in March. Nicholas Stefanov told police Bensimon had struck him at her Manhattan apartment. Stefanov said he suffered a black eye, a busted lip and a bloodied cheek.

MUSIC Fans attending Tuesday night's Grand Ole Opry shows will get a sneak peek of some specially designed guitars. The Epiphone acoustic guitars were decorated by some of country music's biggest stars, including Carrie Underwood, Dierks Bentley, Miranda Lambert, Dolly Parton, Vince Gill, Charlie Daniels and Pam Tillis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Voight countersues investors
Jon Voight is suing two film investors after he was dragged into a lawsuit over a failed movie deal. The veteran actor was previously named as a defendant in legal papers filed by the pair, whose identities have not been revealed, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Anna's pals face legal drama

ON AND ON The doctor accused of conspiring to illegally prescribe the drugs that led to Anna Nicole Smith's 2007 overdose is facing arrest after failing to show up for a court hearing on Monday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Sandeep Kapoor, Khristine Eroshevich — Smith's neighbour and psychiatrist — and the late model's former lawyer-turned-lover Howard K. Stern entered not guilty pleas before Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Kristi Lousteau last month.

Charges against the trio were filed in March following a two-year investigation by California's Attorney General.

They have been accused of conspiring to keep Smith stocked up with a steady supply of prescription drugs including methadone, clonazepam and chloral hydrate — despite knowing she was an addict.

The two doctors face an additional charge of obtaining a prescription for opiates by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation and prescribing opiates by giving a false name or address.

Kapoor's attorney claims a medical emergency involving his client's patient caused him to miss the court appearance. The judge has agreed to hold back on the arrest warrant until 11 a.m. pending his arrival, reported TMZ.com.

Kapoor, along with Stern and Eroshevich — who were both present for the hearing — face up to 33 years behind bars if found guilty of all charges.

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Miley's heart 'in two'

SAYING GOODBYE Miley Cyrus has reportedly split from Justin Gaston, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hannah Montana star and the underwear model — who have been dating since last year — have said their "goodbyes" and are now both trying to get over the breakup.

As an indication of how she's feeling, Cyrus, 16, wrote on her Twitter page: "'My heart is in two... and its all because of you.' a song i am starting to write :) (sic)."

Meanwhile, Gaston, 21, Twittered: "Haven't been this miserable in a looong time."

Cyrus recently revealed she and Gaston would be spending time apart as she worked on the new TV series as well as going on tour in September. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Courtney makes a big, pink mess

CLEANING UP Courtney Love trashed a hotel room with pink dye then left without paying, femalefirst.co.uk alleges. The former Hole singer reportedly fled from her month-long stay at Los Angeles' Chateau Marmont hotel in January after staining her suite with fabric dye.

A source told Life and Style magazine: "At the last minute, she decided she had to dye a load of fabric for her new fashion line before flying to London for the Elle Style Awards. She splashed pink dye everywhere — all over the kitchen and the floors! Once she realized what a mess she'd made, she called hotel staff to clean up after her. They took one look at it and returned with two huge bottles of bleach."

The 44-year-old apparently ran from the hotel while hotel staff attempted to clean up. Love's rep has yet to comment on the incident.

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Madonna's adoption a go?

GETTING HER WAY Madonna has finally proven that fame can buy you anything, after getting the go-ahead to adopt four-year-old Mercy James, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Despite the fact that relatives of Mercy James put up a fight to keep the child in her home, it seems Madonna has won over the Malawi Supreme Court and a positive ruling to be announced next Sunday should see the singer given permission to adopt four-year-old Mercy James, the website adds.

Apparently, two out of the three court judges have submitted reports recommending the adoption, while the third is said be "in complete unison with them," and a source told The Sun: "The paperwork is being typed up now, all recommendations are in favour of the adoption taking place. Mercy should start packing her bags. She's off to America."

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No torture for Heidi

ALAS A rep for Heidi Pratt (who changed her name from Montag after marrying Spencer Pratt) confirms to usmagazine.com exclusively that she was not tortured on the set of I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

Us reported Pratt was rushed to the hospital Saturday after spending 14 hours in the Lost Chamber. (She and Spencer were sentenced to the spider-filled room while the cast voted if they could stay on the show after quitting last week.)

TMZ.com reported Pratt was being treated for a gastric ulcer, while her sister-in-law, Stephanie, posted on Twitter: "I'm really saddened to hear that nbc felt it was ok to punish speidi so harshly and torture them as if they were criminals — that Heidi was ... rushed to the hospital and has an IV in her arm after being locked in a dark room for 3 days w no food or water. Pls pray she will be ok."

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Lindsay a-Twitter about Sam

OFF, ON, OFF, ON If anything can be read into a winking emoticon, Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson may be a couple again — at least in Lohan's view — people.com reports.

"Leaving London but with my favorite favorite!!! (sic)" Lohan, 22, wrote on her Twitter page Monday as she and Ronson were photographed at a London airport terminal together awaiting a flight to Los Angeles.

Further fuelling speculation, Lohan adds: "Great news to share!! Maybe .... ;)"

Lohan, 22, and Ronson, 31, both have been in the U.K. in recent days but weren't seen spending time together — they stayed at separate hotels — though there was a near-miss last week when Lohan showed up at London's Bungalow 8 club where Ronson was spinning — only to have Ronson make a dash for the door, according to the Daily Mail.

Still, a source told People that for weeks now, Lohan has been telling pals she's patched things up with Ronson.

"They haven't started fighting yet, but they are back together as far as Lindsay is concerned," said the source. "Lindsay has been doing so much better and has been giving Sam her space. She is really dedicated to making it work."

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Momma Hawn knows best

MOTHERLY LOVE As Kate Hudson's fledgling relationship with Alex Rodriguez reportedly heats up, there's one person who isn't thrilled about it: Hudson's mother, Goldie Hawn.

"Goldie feels it's high time Kate settled down and left the dating scene behind for a while," a source told the Daily Mail.

"Kate's had a string of boyfriends since her divorce from Chris Robinson and it's always the same pattern — she falls hard and fast, then gets bored or has her heart broken. Goldie hates the idea of seeing Kate getting hurt again."

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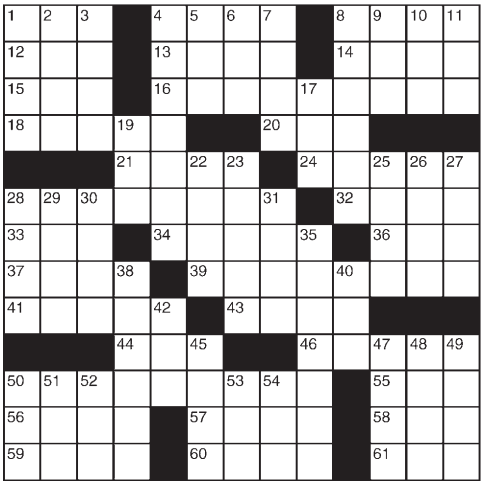

Crossword across

1 "Chicago" lyricist
4 Sailor's septet?
8 Alpha follower
12 Sticky stuff
13 Radius companion
14 Congregant's cry
15 Branch
16 Classic sitcom
18 Opening night
20 Moray, e.g.
21 Mineral-hardness scale name
24 Buzzing instrument
28 Simon & Garfunkel song
32 Carvey or Delany
33 Egg cells
34 Frighten
36 Ultimate, in a way
37 Allen and Conway
39 Uncle Sam's claim
41 Use
43 Old dagger
44 Ball prop
46 Charlie Brown's sister
50 Tony Martin hit
55 Nay undoer
56 Exceptional
57 Stare open-mouthed
58 Aries
59 Culture medium
60 Mongol tent
61 Trio from Cincinnati?

Crossword down

1 "Zounds!"
2 Drill
3 Flop on stage
4 "The Bachelorette" contestants
5 Blueprint add-on
6 "I'll take that as —"
7 Rescue
8 Love song
9 Outback bird
10 Sleuth (Sl.)
11 Whatever number
17 "A mouse!"
19 Ms. Thurman
22 Kachina doll maker
23 Garbage barges
25 Wild and crazy
26 Aware of
27 Waikiki locale
28 Greek vowel
29 Tel —
30 One of the Three Bears
31 Zen paradox
35 Israel's legislature
38 Grandma, sometimes
40 Afternoon get-together
42 7-Down souvenir
45 Nervous
47 Muse's instrument
48 Slender
49 Thanksgiving veggies
50 George's brother
51 Joke
52 Historic time
53 Water (Fr.)
54 Spring mo.

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

6		8				5		7
3		1		7		8		4
			8		3			
		5	4		2	1		
		6	1		7	3		
			5		6			
5		2		8		4		6
9		7				2		5

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7	5	9	8	2	6	3	1	4
1	8	2	9	3	4	7	5	6
4	6	3	5	7	1	8	2	9
5	4	1	6	8	3	9	7	2
6	3	7	2	1	9	4	8	5
2	9	8	4	5	7	1	6	3
9	1	4	7	6	5	2	3	8
8	7	5	3	4	2	6	9	1
3	2	6	1	9	8	5	4	7

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

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17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

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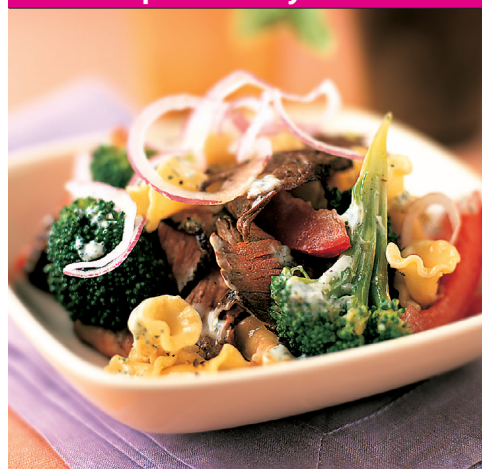

Beefy Pasta Salad

INGREDIENTS:

8 oz (250 g) rotelle or other small pasta shape
6 cups (1.5 l) broccoli spears
10 oz (300 g) well-trimmed sirloin steak
1 1/4 cups (300 ml) plain fat-free yogourt
3 tbsp (45 ml) light mayonnaise
1 tbsp (15 ml) balsamic vinegar
I cup basil leaves
1 tsp (5 ml) salt
l lb (500 g) plum tomatoes, quartered
1 medium red onion, halved and thinly sliced

METHOD:

1. Cook pasta in large pot of boiling water according to package directions. Add broccoli spears during last 2 minutes of cooking; drain.
2. Meanwhile, preheat broiler. Broil steak 4 in. (10 cm) from heat 4 minutes per side for medium or until done to taste. Transfer steak to cutting board and thinly slice across grain, on diagonal.
3. Combine yogourt , mayonnaise, vinegar, basil and salt in food processor and process until smooth. Transfer dressing to large serving bowl.
4. Add steak and any juices accumulated on cutting board and toss to coat. Add pasta, broccoli, tomatoes and onion to bowl and toss again. (Recipe can be made ahead and refrigerated. Bring back to room temperature before serving.)

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It may seem as if others don't care about your plight but what do they really know about your problems? Today you have got to speak up.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Some people think you are spending too much time enjoying yourself and not enough time taking care of serious matters. They're just too uptight.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
With Jupiter, planet of excess, at right angles to your ruler Mercury today you may go over the top and do something outrageous.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you confront what scares you today you will soon realize that it can't hurt you. It's time to get brave. Face up to your fears.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
It may be true that everyone is agreeing with you but are they being honest? According to the planets, there is a real possibility that you are being lied to.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The more someone tries to talk you into investing in their latest big idea the more excuses you should make. Don't be fooled.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If you know the difference between visualization and wishful thinking you will do well for yourself today. You've got to be practical too.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Something you thought was going OK will suffer an unexpected setback today and there may be some confusion as you struggle to work it out.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
This is going to be a busy day, so pace yourself carefully or you could find yourself out of breath before you are halfway to your goal.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You may have plenty to shout about but be careful you don't go too far and say something that lands you in hot water.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Jupiter in your birth sign does wonders for your confidence but today's rather negative cosmic set-up warns that self-belief is not the be-all and end-all.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The more a certain individual praises you to the skies the more wary you should be. You can tell that they don't really mean it.

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